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French President Macron contracts Covid-19

French President Emmanuel Macron has tested positive for Covid-19, the Elysee Palace announced on Thursday. It said the president took a test "as soon as the first symptoms appeared", and added that he would isolate himself for seven days. "He will continue to work and take care of his activities at a distance," it added. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished a speedy recovery to President Macron. **P14**

Sri Narendra Modi
Honourable Prime Minister of India

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

BENGALURU MISSION 2022
Revitalizing Bengaluru...

Sri B.S. Yediyurappa
Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka

Bengaluru is one of the fastest growing cities in the world. It has many feathers to its cap apart from being the haven of technology and knowledge driven industries. Providing world class amenities and facilities to this globally renowned city is the priority of our Government.

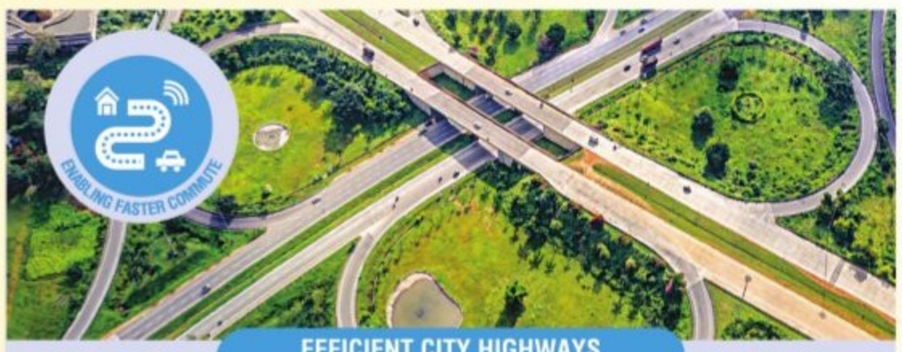
Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and programmes for Urban Development has accelerated systematic growth of cities including Bengaluru. Under his able leadership, there has been a paradigm shift in the Indian Urban Landscapes with more cleaner and greener cities.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa led Government has envisaged systematic growth of Bengaluru city, which is globally renowned and witnessing rapid growth.

Government has identified the problems and challenges citizens face in everyday life and has resolved to provide all necessary infrastructure and other basic amenities to the citizens to make it the best place to live. Government has chalked out a blue print for the development of the city in next two years and has launched Bengaluru Mission 2022.

Under Bengaluru Mission 2022, 4 major challenge areas and proposed new age solutions have been identified:

1. ENABLING FASTER COMMUTE



EFFICIENT CITY HIGHWAYS

- **12 high-density corridors, totaling 190 kms, to be taken up in mission-mode by KRDCL**
- Accelerated completion of **Smart-city roads**
- **Annual maintenance contract** for arterial roads which total 400 kms in length
- **Enhanced road appearance** ensured by undertaking kerb stone-painting and lane markings
- Installation of **synchronous signal lights**

SMART MOBILITY

- **Promotion of Shared Electric Vehicle mobility** across the city
- **Faster metro** completion
- Expanding **Bus priority lanes**
- **Operationalisation of suburban rail** to ease traffic and reduce pollution

2. SWACHCHA BENGALURU (CLEANER BENGALURU)

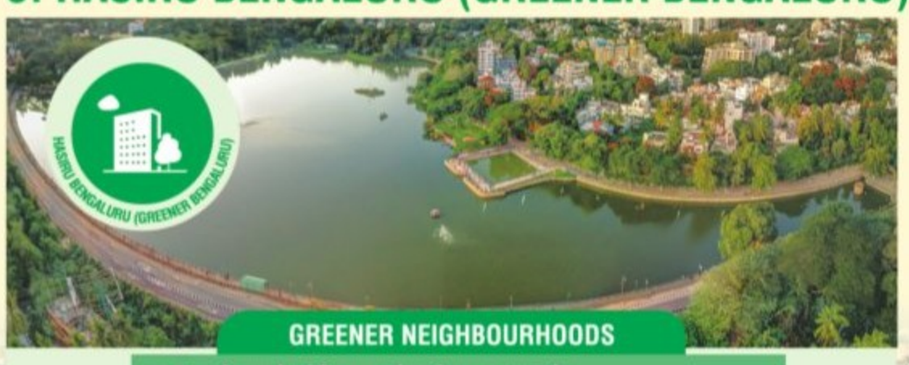
INTEGRATED CITY WASTE MANAGEMENT

- **Specialized entity for waste management for end-to-end professional management of municipal solid waste**
- **Rehabilitate and refurbish** existing processing plants to operate at optimum capacity
- **Guide and monitor solid waste collection** and transportation by leveraging technology
- **Remediate and rehabilitate** legacy dump sites
- Plan, design and implement model **Material Recover Facility**

NAMMA KASA NAMMA JAVABDARI

- **Citizen participation programmes** through training of SWM trainers and Shuchi Mitra for effective micro/macro SWM planning and implementation
- **Setting up of Kalika Kendras (Learning centres)** in each zone for information, education and communication to the community on composting and zero waste homes
- **Encourage in-house processing** of wet waste through local buy-back centres for compost

3. HASIRU BENGALURU (GREENER BENGALURU)



GREENER NEIGHBOURHOODS

- Launch of 2 new urban lung spaces by repurposing state PSU lands (NGEF, Mysore Lamps)
- **Launch of 2 mega-tree parks** in city suburbs each measuring 400+ acres
- Popularising existing **Mini-forests** among citizens (Turahalli, JP Nagar, Kadugodi, Mathikere)
- Intensified monitoring of ambient air quality by increasing **Air quality testing meters to 500**

WATERWAYS & CLEAN LAKES

- **Waterway beautification K-100 Raja Kaluve project**
- Restoration of 25 lakes in Bengaluru Real-time **monitoring of water quality in 20 lakes**
- Enhancing water quality and improving **biodiversity around lakes**
- Stakeholder mobilization and **volunteer participation**

4. CITIZEN CONNECT

UNIFIED CITIZENS CONNECT PORTAL

- **Online access to citizen services like Khata, Property Tax, Birth & Death Certificate, trade licenses**
- Online access to road-history information for citizens
- Location-aware information to citizens on civic services, programmes and officers
- Redesign of 'Sahaya' portal, a one-stop platform for grievance redressal, to ensure better user experience for Bengaluru citizens

EXPERIENCE BENGALURU 360°

Bengaluru Culture, Heritage and Crafts Museum at NGEF

- Contemporary public recreational spaces and cultural events hub at NGEF, creating opportunities for artists, artisans and other creative professionals
- Set up of **"Itihaasa"** Bengaluru's technology history museum at Mysuru Lamp Factory, an interactive digital showcase of the city's journey into one of the world's premier innovation hubs
- Set-up of Bengaluru Innovation Centre at Mysure Lamp Factory-dedicated to advancing the future of entrepreneurship, innovation and the bio-technology industry

As is enshrined in our Constitution, **to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture** is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

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Sree Subramanyeswara Co-operative Bank Ltd.

(R.B.I. Licence No. UBD - KA 550 P)
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Ph:080-22422461/63, 26500879, Fax: 080-41312650, Email-sscbank@yahoo.com

Ref/SSCB/AO/273/2020-21 **DEMAND NOTICE** Date: 07/11/2020

To

1. **Smt. K.S. Prafulla Mukhi**, No. 1791, 5th Main, 9th Cross, RPC Lay-Out, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Hampinagar, Bengaluru-560040
2. **Sri Kashi Srinivas**, No. 1791, 5th Main, 9th Cross, RPC Lay-Out, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Hampinagar, Bengaluru-560040
3. **Sri B.S. Balaji**, No. 87/2, 1st Floor, Old Post Office Road, Venkateswara Bajanamandir Road, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru-560028

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

At your request, you have been granted a term loan of Rs.1,60,00,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Lakhs only) on 31/10/2014 for the Purpose of Renovation of Building and Daughter's Education, The said loan facilities was granted against the security of your Immovable Property bearing No.54 (CITB No.1791), Situated at 5th Main, 9th Cross, Hampinagar, Railway Line Pipeline (RPC Extension), Corporation Ward No.133 (Old Ward No.34), PID No.133-W0047-2 (Old PID No.34-56-54) Bengaluru, belongs to Smt.K.S.Prafulla Mukhi, Creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said Loan facilities and the amount outstanding repayable by you, is as stated in schedule "A". The said financial assistance was granted with an undertaking, to repay the said financial assistance in terms of the agreement[s]/document[s], duly executed in favour of the Bank. You have also created mortgage by way of registration of Memorandum of Deposit of Title deeds, creating security interest in favour of the Bank, The particulars of the security assets are as stated in schedule "B". The operation and conduct of the account in respect of the above Loans have become irregular and the debts have been classified as **"NON PERFORMING ASSETS"** since 27/09/2019 in accordance with the directives / guidelines relating to Asset classification, issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the default committed by you in repayment of the principal debts and interest thereon. The said loan facility is also secured by the personal guarantees & executed by: Sri B.S. Balaji, Residing at No. 87/2, 1st Floor, Old Post Office Road, Venkateswara Bajana Mandir, T.R. Nagar, Bangalore-560028. Despite repeated requests, contacts, persuasions, notices and legal notice you have failed and neglected to repay the over dues/outstanding liabilities.

Therefore, the Bank hereby calls upon you under section 13(2) of the subject Act by issuing this notice, to discharge in full outstanding liabilities stated hereunder, to the Bank within **60 days from the date of this notice**. Your outstanding liabilities due and owing to the Bank as on **31/10/2020 is Rs.1,32,03,496.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Only)** Details as per Schedule "A" you are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual interest rate 14% p.a on monthly/quarterly rest and penal interest rate 2% p.a on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc, from 01/11/2020. If you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs. 1,32,03,496.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Only)** with interest and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc, as stated above in terms of this NOTICE issued under section 13(2) of the subject Act, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under section 13(4) and also under other applicable provisions of the subject Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems fit and necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law. **Please be informed that, on receipt of this notice, as per the provisions of Section 13(13) of the subject Act, you are here by restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease, or otherwise, any of the assets secured to the Bank, without prior written consent from the Bank, Non compliance with these provisions is punishable U/S 29 of the said Act.**

SCHEDULE "A"

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Amount outstanding as on 31-10-2020		
		Principal	Interest & others	Total
1.	IP-55000003 Renovation of Building and Daughter's Education	1,15,21,759.00	11,81,737.00	1,32,03,496.00

(Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Only) and future interest and other applicable charges/costs from 01/11/2020.

SCHEDULE "B"

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.54 (CITB No.1791), situated at 5th Main, 9th Cross, Hampinagar (Railway Line Pipeline (RPC) Extension), Corporation Ward No.133 (Old Ward No.34), PID No.133-W0047-2 (Old PID No.34-56-54), measuring East to West 80 Feet and North to South 50 Feet in all ad-measuring 4000 Sq.Ft., together with structures standing thereon and bounded on the: East by-Property bearing CITB No.1804; West by-Road; North by-Property bearing CITB No.1790; South by-Property bearing CITB No.1792. Belongs to Smt. K.S. Prafulla Mukhi.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Subramanyeshwara Co. Op Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore 560004

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Substituted Service of Notice to the Respondent by way of Paper Publication Vide order dated: 10/12/2020
CMP No 122/2020

PETITIONER/S V/s RESPONDENT/S
SRI MOHAMMED DAANISH ZACKRIA AND ANOTHER — M/s. PADDY'S PROPERTIES LLP

Sri. Janardhana G (Advocate) for the Petitioner has filed the above CMP praying this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to

i) Appoint an Arbitrator to resolve the dispute between them, in terms of clause 24 of the Joint Development Agreement dated:09/02/2016 under Annexure-A: and

ii) Grant any other relief or reliefs as this Hon'ble Court deems fit to grant to the petitioner in the circumstances of the case.

To, M/s. PADDY'S PROPERTIES LLP, A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT, 2008 HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT No. 2-B. 2nd FLOOR, SAMRUDDHI ROYALE, 2 HIGH STREET, COOKE TOWN, BENGALURU - 560 005, REP BY ITS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY, Mr. PADDY MENON.....RESPONDENT/S

Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed a CMP on this Court Under Sec.11(5) of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorized by law to act for you. In this matter on **18/01/2021 AT 10:30 AM** may be posted for hearing in case you intend to contest the Petition. If you fail to appear, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 10th Day of December 2020.

Sd/- BY ORDER OF THE COURT
(M.M. HALAGI) ASSISTANT REGISTRAR CIVIL UNIT-IV (RP BRANCH)

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC Malleshwaram (41161) No.97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020 Ph: 080 25943732, 25943720.Fax: 080 25943729/3730
Email Id: racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1)
(For immovable property)

Whereas **A/c No: 64172028489, 64172028728**

The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **07.02.2020** and calling upon the Borrower **Sri T. Thimmaraju** S/o Sri. Thimmaraya No.33G, II, IIHR Quarters, Hesaraghatta Lake Post, Bangalore-560089 And also at: Athletic Coach, Kendriya Vidyalaya, MG Railway Colony, Okalipuram, Bangalore-560023 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.4,72,072/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand and Seventy Two Only) as on **06.02.2020 +** interest from **07.02.2020 +** incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower /guarantors/ mortgager having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/ mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **16.12.2020**

The borrower/guarantors/ mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.4,39,814/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen Only) as on **07.12.2020** and interest from **08.12.2020** plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section13 (8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Apartment property with 1BHK bearing Flat No.16-206, constructed by BDA, situated at Alur, Bangalore standing in the name of Sri T. Thimmaraju allotted by BDA vide document No.BDA/VK-4/B16-206-14-15 dated 03.12.2014.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 16.12.2020

Authorized Officer and Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
RACPC Malleshwaram, Bangalore

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notify to the Public that, my clients, **1) Syeda Ejaz Shariff @ Salma 2) Syed Ayesha Peeran,** both are daughters of late Lt. Col. S.P. Pasha @ Peer Pasha and late Mrs. Rashida Pasha, both residing at Old No. 1356, New No.18, 32nd E Cross Road, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011, have reported that the Release deed dated 06.03.2014, Registered document No. SHR-1-02634-2013-14, Book No.1, Stored in CD No. SHRD-40 at Sub-Registrar Shanthinagar, Bangalore, Pertaining to the Schedule Property, has lost/misplaced when they went to make the photo copies of the title deeds and very recently (on 06.12.2020) while verifying the property documents they came to know that the said document is lost. That my clients are the lawful owners and on peaceful possession of the schedule property.

My clients have reported to me that the original Release deed mentioned above has not been mortgaged to any bank, Finance Institution, Housing, Finance Company, or any other private money lender, etc., in any manner whatsoever and no charge has been created on it.

That General Public is hereby informed that any person/s is/are holding the custody of the above said document is requested to deliver the same either to the undersigned or to my clients and the finder shall be appropriately rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 1356, Municipal No.18, PID No. 58-24-18, 32nd E Cross Road, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011, measuring East to West 40 feet (12.19 mtrs) and North to south 65 Feet (19.80 mtrs) along with residential building and bounded as follows.

East by : Site No. 1357
West by : Site No. 1355
North by : Road
South by : Site No. 1311.

Advocates and Consultants : **G.V. RAVI**
RAVI LAW ASSOCIATES
No.15/1, 3rd Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003
Ph : 9448849150, Date : 16.12.2020.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC Malleshwaram (41161) No.97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020 Ph: 080 25943732, 25943720.Fax: 080 25943729/3730
Email Id: racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1)
(For immovable property)

Whereas **A/c No: 64134778437**

The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **26.03.2018** and calling upon the Borrower **Smt. Sasikala. V** W/o Vairamuthu, No.17/1, 2nd Cross, Saibaba Nagar, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560001 And also at: No.71/3-1, 3rd Cross, 1st main Road, Brahmapuram, Ramachandrapuram,Bangalore - 560021 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.19,80,739/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Nine Only) as on **20.03.2018 +** interest from **21.03.2018 +** incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower /guarantors/ mortgager having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/ mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **16.12.2020**

The borrower/guarantors/ mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.25,91,369/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Nine Only) as on **07.12.2020** and interest from **08.12.2020** plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section13 (8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of a residential house No.23, Katha No.150300701900500006 – earlier No.5/23, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 55 feet in all measuring 1650 Sq.ft., situated at Jyothinagara, Vajarahalli Dhakale, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, standing in the Name of Smt. Sasikala V and bounded on: East By: Site No.22, West By: Site No.24, North By: Road, South By: Vacant Space.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 16.12.2020

Authorized Officer and Chief Manager
State Bank of India,
RACPC Malleshwaram, Bangalore

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Ref/SSCB/AO/272/2020-21 **DEMAND NOTICE** Date: 07/11/2020

To

1. **Sri Manjunath M. S/o. Late Sri. Muniyappa**,
2. **Sri Anand S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa**, *Both are residing at*: No.183, Near Laguvamma Temple, SOS Post, J.P.Nagar, 8th Phase, Kothunur Village, Bengaluru-560076
3. **Smt. Rathnamma**, No. 183, Near Laguvamma Temple, SOS Post, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Kothunur Village, Bengaluru-560076
4. **Sri M. Murthy**, No. 11, 1st "A" Cross, Kothanur Main Road, Adithyanagar, J.P.Nagar, Bengaluru-560062

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

At your request, you have been granted total loan of Rs. 80,00,000-00 (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Only) the details are as follows:

1] **Sri Manjunath M.** S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa & Sri Anand S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa has been granted a loan of Rs.40,00,000.00 [Rupees Forty Lakhs Only] on 18/06/2015 for the purpose of Clear Debts and Family Settlement.

2] **Sri Manjunath M** S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa & Sri Anand S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa has been granted a loan of Rs.40,00,000.00 [Rupees Forty Lakhs Only] on 31/03/2017 for the purpose of House Renovation and Others.

Against the security of Mortgage of immovable property being the residential Property bearing Municipal No. 223/186/186 (Previously Site carved out of land measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas in Sy. No. 75 of Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk), Presently situated at Kothanur, Bengaluru within the limits of Kothanur Sub-Division of BBMP, Bengaluru Corporation Ward No.195, belongs to Sri Manjunath M. S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa and Sri Anand S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa and Municipal No. 220/183/183 (Previously Site carved out of land measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas in Sy. No. 75 of Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk), presently situated at Kothanur, Bengaluru within the limits of Kothanur Sub-Division of BBMP, Bengaluru Corporation Ward No.195, belongs to Sri Manjunath M. S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa and Sri Anand S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa Creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said Loan facilities and the amount outstanding repayable by you, is as stated in schedule "A". The said financial assistance was granted with an undertaking, to repay the said financial assistance in terms of the agreement[s]/document[s], duly executed in favour of the Bank. You have also created mortgage by way of registration of Simple Mortgage deed and Additional Mortgage deed, creating security interest in favour of the Bank, the particulars of the security assets are as stated in schedule "B". The operation and conduct of the account in respect of the above Loans have become irregular and the debts have been classified as **"NON PERFORMING ASSETS"** since 28/06/2019 in accordance with the directives / guidelines relating to Asset classification, issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the default committed by you in repayment of the principal debts and interest thereon. The said Loans facilities are also secured by the personal guarantees & executed by: 1. Smt. Rathnamma, No.183, Near Laguvamma Temple, SOS Post, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Kothunur Village, Bengaluru-560076. 2. Sri M. Murthy, No. 11, 1st "A" Cross, Kothanur Main Road, Adithyanagar, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560062. Despite repeated requests, contacts, persuasions, notices and legal notice you have failed and neglected to repay the over dues / outstanding liabilities.

Therefore, the Bank hereby calls upon you under section 13(2) of the subject Act by issuing this notice, to discharge in full outstanding liabilities stated hereunder, to the Bank within **60 days from the date of this notice**. Your outstanding liabilities due and owing to the Bank as on **31/10/2020 is Rs. 81,53,654.00 (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Only)** Details as per Schedule 'A' you are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate 1] IP-55000005 @14% p.a. on monthly/quarterly rest 2] IP-5500029 @14% p.a. on monthly/quarterly rest and penal interest @2% p.a. on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc., from 01/11/2020. If you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs. 81,53,654.00 (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Only)** with interest and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc, as stated above in terms of this NOTICE issued under section 13(2) of the subject Act, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under section 13(4) and also under other applicable provisions of the subject Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems fit and necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law. **Please be informed that, on receipt of this notice, as per the provisions of Section 13(13) of the subject Act, you are here by restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease, or otherwise, any of the assets secured to the Bank, without prior written consent from the Bank, Non compliance with these provisions is punishable U/S 29 of the said Act.**

SCHEDULE "A"

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Amount outstanding as on 31-10-2020		
		Principal	Interest & others	Total
1.	IP-55000005 Clear Debts and Family Settlement.	31,45,886.00	6,44,683.00	37,90,569.00
2.	IP-55000029 House Renovation and Others.	37,83,189.00	5,79,896.00	43,63,085.00
	Total dues	**69,29,075.00**	**12,24,579.00**	**81,53,654.00**

(Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Only) and future interest and other applicable charges/costs from 01/11/2020.

SCHEDULE "B"

Mortgaged immovable Property-1: All that piece and parcel of residential Property bearing Municipal No. 223/186/186 (Previously Site carved out of land measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas in Sy. No.75 of Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk), Presently situated at Kothanur, Bengaluru within the limits of Kothanur Sub-Division of BBMP, Bengaluru Corporation Ward No.195, along with building and measuring East to West 95 feet and North to South 13+41/2 feet and totally measuring about 2565 Sq.ft., and bounded by the following boundaries: East by-Property bearing No.183; West by-Road; North by-Private Property; South by-Road. Belonging to Sri Manjunath M. S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa and Sri Anand S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa.

Mortgaged immovable Property-2: All that piece and parcel of residential Property bearing Municipal No.220/183/183 (Previously Site carved out of land measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas in Sy. No.75 of Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk), presently situated at Kothanur, Bengaluru within the limits of Kothanur Sub-Division of BBMP, Bengaluru Corporation Ward No.195, along with building and measuring East to West 46 feet and North to South 38 feet and totally measuring about 1748 Sq.ft., and bounded by the following boundaries: East by-Road; West by-Property bearing No.186; North by-Temple; South by-Road. Belonging to Sri Manjunath M. S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa and Sri Anand S/o. Late Sri Muniyappa.

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Subramanyeshwara Co. Op Bank Ltd.,
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 8.1.2021 from 11.00 a.m to 04.00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch, Borrower Name, Mortgagor Name, A/c No	Description of the immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers of property (ies))	A) Demand Notice 13(2) and B) Possession 13(4) Date	Outstanding Amount in Rs.	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	Branch : Anand Nagar 156700 BLR WEST Phone : 9591169100 **Dowac System and Project India Pvt Ltd** 1567008700008240 Mortgagor Dowac System and Project India Pvt Ltd	All that piece and parcel of property in the name of M/s Dowac Systems and Projects India Pvt Ltd , Near Big Bazaar on Ring Road, From Hebbal Fly Over To Tumkur Road, Site No 13, Khatha No 109/A, Nagarashettihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded by:- **East** : Road, **West :** Smt Lakshmi Sampath Property, **North :** Remaining portion of the same property and **South :** Other property. measuring 1335.42 sq.ft.	A) 13(2) - 2.8.2017 B) 13(4) - 31.8.2019 - Symbolic	**Rs.92,09,000/- plus interest and charges**	**A- Rs 86,00,000/- B- Rs 8,60,000/- C- Rs 50,000/-**
2	Branch : RAJAJINAGAR 156110 BLR WEST **M/S MATAJI TRADERS** A/C- 15614015001544 and 15616785001532 Mortgagor : Shri N .SUKHRAJ	Western Half portion of a combined property with municipal No-11 (old No-35), PID No.13-10-11, Old ward No-13, New PID No. 068-W0034-27, (Old Khatha No.465/35), situated at 8th Cross, 1st Main, Saraswathipuram, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096. Admg 600 Sqft. Total built up area 1404 sqft.	A) 13(2) - 4.7.2017 B) 13(4) - 14.09.2017 - Symbolic	**Rs.41,34,277.89 plus interest and charges**	**A- Rs.61,65,000/- B- Rs.6,16,500/- C- Rs.50,000/-**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS :

1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com**

2. The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet above mentioned dates the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction.

3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest.

4. Platform **(https:www.mstcecommerce.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider"s website **https:www.mstcecommerce.com**. This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal.

5. The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app (3) http://www.mstcecommerce.com/. (4) www.pnbindia.in,**

6. The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction,Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this eAuction from e-e-Bकक- IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in).

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8. Bidder"s Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding.

9. During the e-auction bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as **mentioned against each properties** to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e- auction shall be closed.

10. It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly.

(1) In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (https: http://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal.

11. After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider).

12. The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price.

13. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.

14. Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount.

15. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

16. The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act.

17. The properties are being sold on „AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".

18. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.

19. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided.

20. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.

21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc.

22. The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions.

23. It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://www.ibapi.in, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app, http://www.mstcecommerce.com/, www.pnbindia.in,

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NOW, YOU CAN WIN MEDALS IN YOGASANA AT NATIONAL LEVEL

After granting it recognition last month, Sports Ministry has formally categorised yogasana as a competitive sport

GROUNDWORK OVER, COMPETITIONS NEXT

The initiative by Sports and AYUSH Ministries plans to encourage yoga, spread awareness about its benefits and help improve physical and mental wellbeing of people. A National Yogasana Sport Federation of India has been established for preservation and development of yoga as a competitive sport. An automated scoring system has been developed.

CLASSIFICATION OF MEDAL EVENTS

- To be included in Khelo India Games. A total of 51 medals have been proposed in four events and seven categories at nationals
- Events proposed include traditional yogasana, artistic yogasana (single and pair), rhythmic yogasana (pair, free flow/group yogasana), individual championship and team championship

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CM promises support to Wistron, says PM worried

Centre has advised the State to complete the inquiry into the violence soon, and to ensure that investor sentiment is intact

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CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Thursday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had expressed concern over the violent protest at iPhone maker Wistron's facility in Kolar district. The incident should not have happened and "the PM is also very worried about this development," he pointed out, signalling the gravity of the issue.

Emphasising that the State Government will take measures to ensure that such incidents do not recur, the Chief Minister said all support will be extended to the company to continue with its operations. "It is a very important foreign company...," he told media persons.

"Protecting the interests of foreign investors is very important for us," the CM said. The government will take strict action against those involved in the violence on the company premises and necessary instructions have already been issued, he stressed.

On December 12, thousands of workers at Wistron's facility at Narasapura Industrial Area, around 60 km from Bengaluru, had resorted to violent protests, allegedly against delays in salary and overtime dues.

The Taiwanese contract electronics manufacturer has, in its revised estimate, pegged the damage at Rs 41.25 crore.

The Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) had pulled up the State Government over the violent protest at Wistron facility and asked it to expedite the inquiry.

Both the Central and State Governments are worried about the impact of such an incident at a time when they are trying to woo foreign firms to invest in India. In last few months, the Karnataka Government has taken a number of initiatives to improve ease of doing business, by amending the Karnataka Land Reforms Act, making it easier for industries to acquire land. The government has also constituted a committee, headed by the Chief Secretary, to look into measures required to be taken to woo foreign investors.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the police have taken prompt action and arrested 164 people so far in connection with the violence.

The Taiwanese contract electronics manufacturer has, in its revised estimate, pegged the loss of damage at ₹41.25 crore | EXPRESS

iPhone maker didn't flag issue to dist officials

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

THE Kolar district administration has created a Whatsapp group to address any grievances of industries. Though Wistron officials are part of the group, they did not bring up any issue related to the company, which may have helped resolve the dispute over salaries, according to officials.

All senior officials of the district are part of the group and the DC issues instructions to officials concerned regarding grievances.

Meanwhile, Kolar police have so far arrested 164 employees for allegedly indulging in violent protests, looting and arson on the company premises. "Based on our investigations and CCTV footage, only those workers involved in the violence have been arrested," a senior police officer said. P9

Company has scaled down loss: Bommai

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai tweeted, "The Wistron company which said Rs 437 crore loss earlier, now has said in writing that the loss is Rs 43 crore. Some international media is blowing it out of proportion."

Four-member committee

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of 40 farmers unions, decided to form a four-member internal committee to deal with all issues arising from the Supreme Court's intervention in the protest under the leadership of Balbir Singh Rajewal, president of BKU (Rajewal)

Farmers protesting at the Singhu border in Delhi on Thursday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Ready for talks: Tikait

Bharatiya Kisan Union national president Naresh Tikait said, "We are ready for dialogue. If the government takes two steps back, the farmers will follow suit. We respect everything that the Supreme Court has stated. Whatever panel is formed, sensible people should be on it"

Put farm laws on ice, suggests SC

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

ASKING the Centre whether it could put in abeyance its three farm sector reform laws till negotiations with the agitators are on, the Supreme Court on Thursday said farmers have a constitutional right to continue their protest as long as their dissent does not lead to any kind of violence.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde asked Attorney General K K Venugopal whether the government could give an assurance to keep the implementation of the farm laws on hold. While Venugopal said he will have to seek instructions as he was not sure if this was a viable solution, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted that it was not possible to put the implementation of the laws on hold.

Refusing to order the eviction of farmers from Delhi's borders, the court said: "A protest is constitutional as long as it does not cause violence or destroy life. It can continue while the committee we propose can hold deliberations. We are likely to propose names like P Sainath for the committee." CJI Bobde added, "We are also Indian, we are familiar with the plight of farmers and are sympathetic to their cause. You (farmers) have to only alter the way the protest is going."

The Punjab government, represented by P Chidambaram, supported the proposal to form a committee. The bench gave liberty to all parties to approach the court during winter vacations. P11

Unions to consult four top lawyers

Farmer unions said they will first consult four top Supreme Court lawyers — Prashant Bhushan, Colin Gonsalves, Dushyant Dave and H S Phoolka — before taking a call on the SC impleading them in the case and forming of an impartial committee to resolve the matter

Motivated campaign, says BJP, readies to fight it out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH the government staying firm on the farm laws, Union ministers Amit Shah, Narendra Singh Tomar and Piyush Goyal went into a huddle with the BJP national general secretaries at the party headquarters, with indications emerging that it is gearing up for the political challenge thrown up by the farmers protesting at the Capital's doorstep.

Minutes after the meeting concluded, Tomar, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, released a hard-hitting letter addressed to the farmers, singling out "conspirators for fuelling anarchy".

The meeting also came in the midst of the outreach by BJP leaders across the country to explain their position on the contentious farm sector reform laws and the steps taken by the government for the benefits of the farmers.

"There is clarity that certain elements who have consistently been at loggerheads with the Narendra Modi government are fanning the farmers' protests for vested interests. The BJP will effectively respond to the motivated campaign," said a senior BJP functionary.

NO HUGS, HANDSHAKES, CROWDING FOR XMAS, NYE

Chief Secretary T M Vijayabhaskar has issued guidelines to be followed during Christmas and New Year celebrations

- Crowding in churches on Christmas Eve not allowed; Strict social distancing norms must be followed
- Hugging, handshakes not allowed during exchange of greetings
- Clubs, pubs and restaurants can function as usual, but special events such as DJ parties prohibited
- Hotels, pubs and restaurants should encourage pre-bookings online
- Public cannot gather in large numbers on main roads and public places during New Year celebrations
- DCs and police chiefs can impose additional restrictions in select areas
- All Covid norms should be strictly followed
- Bursting of only green crackers allowed
- Children under 10 years and senior citizens above 65 years should stay indoors

DySP ends life in friend's house; four detained

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A 33-year-old Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) with the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) committed suicide at a friend's house in Annapoorneshwari Nagar police station limits on Wednesday night. The police have detained four of her friends in this connection.

Lakshmi V, a Karnataka State Police Service (KSPS) officer of the 2014 batch, was appointed DySP in 2017. She was married to Naveen and was living in Konanakunte.

Police said Lakshmi had gone to attend a party at her friend Manohar alias Manu's residence located in Vinayaka Layout on Wednesday evening. "She had reached there around 7 pm and four of her friends had gathered there. According to her friends, around 10 pm, she went to a room and locked herself up. As she did not come out for some time, they broke open the door only to find her hanging from the window grill. They immediately brought her down and rushed her to a private hospital, where she was declared brought dead," the police said.

"It is said that there were family issues and Manu, who is a BBMP contractor, took up the matter with her during the party. After that, she went into the room and hanged herself. She may also have been upset that the couple did not have children even eight years after marriage. On the professional front, she had shared with her close friends that she was unhappy over not getting an executive posting. All these angles are being probed to establish the reason that drove her to end her life," an official said. CONTINUED ON: P9

EXPRESS READ

Restart classes 10, 12 from Jan 1: Panel

Bengaluru: The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), on Thursday, recommended that offline classes for Std 10 and 12 be reopened in a staggered manner from January 1. However, the recommendations are to be placed before Chief Minister B S Yeddiyurappa, who will take final call. P7

I-T sleuths search B'luru energy firm

Bengaluru: The Directorate General of Income Tax (Investigation) Karnataka & Goa on Thursday conducted searches at the premises of a Bengaluru-based business group involved in renewable energy over alleged I-T violations.

Aero India 2021 on schedule

Bengaluru: The Paris Air Show that was scheduled to be held in June next year, may have been cancelled due to concerns over Covid-19, but there is no change in the Aero India 2021 schedule. The five-day event will take off on February 3. P6

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- The CMS-01 satellite has a life span of at least seven years
- The PSLV-C50 is the 52nd flight of PSLV and 22nd flight of PSLV in 'XL' configuration

ISRO's PSLV-C50 rocket blasts off from Sriharikota on Thursday | PTI

ISRO launches latest communication satellite

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THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Thursday successfully launched its 42nd communication satellite, CMS-01, on board the PSLV-C50 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR) at Sriharikota. The CMS-01 satellite will have a life span of at least seven years, according to ISRO.

The PSLV-C50 launcher lifted off from the Second Launch Pad of SDSC-SHAR at 3.41 pm, and after a flight of 20 minutes and 12 seconds, injected the satellite into its intended orbit. After injection, the solar panels of CMS-01 were automatically deployed and ISRO's Master Control Facility at Hassan assumed control of the satellite.

In the coming days, orbit raising manoeuvres will be executed to position the satellite in the geostationary orbit at its designated location. The CMS-01 communication satellite is envisaged to provide services in extended C-Band frequency, and the coverage will include the Indian mainland, Andaman-Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands. This band is mostly used for satellite communications and full-time satellite TV networks, and is also used for weather radars, wi-fi devices and radio LAN. P9

A vision for clean, green Bengaluru by 2022

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THE capital, groaning under the burden of growth, will look to be future-ready with focus on four key areas. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Thursday launched the vision for development of the city — 'Mission Bengaluru 2022: Revitalising Bengaluru' — which will focus on enabling faster commute, Swachcha (clean) Bengaluru, Hasiru (green) Bengaluru and connecting citizens to the city.

Speaking to reporters at the launch, the CM said: "I assure the citizens that the works listed out will be completed within the stipulated time. Also, six months from now, the progress of whatever has been done will be reviewed. I will also go on city tours to take stock of the ground realities." He added that all projects which are essential for the city have been included. P4

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PROJECT INCLUDES

Creating 12 high-density corridors, totaling 190 km, by KRDCL, installation of synchronised traffic signals, enhanced road appearance and annual maintenance of arterial roads of 400 km, expanding bus priority lanes, promoting shared electric vehicles mobility, completing Metro works faster to increase its carrying capacity, operationalising of suburban rail project

HASIRU BENGALURU

Launch of two new lung spaces at NGEF and Mysuru Lamps, two mega tree parks in Machohalli and Bhootanahalli, popularing mini forests at Turahalli, JP Nagar, Kadugodi and Mathikere, intensified monitoring of air quality by setting up air quality testing metres to 500, K-100 rajakaluve project for waterway beautification, restoring 25 lakes, enhancing water quality and improving biodiversity, real-time monitoring of water quality in 20 lakes.

CITIZENS CONNECT

Online access to citizen services, online access to road history, location-wise information on civic services, programmes and officers, redesigning the Sahaya portal, Bengaluru culture, heritage and crafts museum at NGEF, contemporary public recreational spaces and cultural events hub at NGEF, creating living city lab at Mysuru Lamps factory, setting up Itihaasa- Bengaluru technology history and setting up of Bengaluru innovation centre at at Mysuru Lamps factory

SWACHCHA BENGALURU

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CIVIC SOLUTION

Court commissioners to check condition of roads

Karnataka High Court appoints personnel as a solution to grievances pointing out BBMP's failure to repair potholed stretches

MLA Rizwan Arshad interacts with Shivajinagar residents on Thursday | MEGHANA SASTRY

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THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday appointed court commissioners to ascertain the present condition of roads and footpaths in the city.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty passed the order with regard to a public interest litigation petition filed by Vijayan Menon and three others from the city in 2015.

The petitioners' grievance is regarding Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) failure to maintain roads and repair the potholed stretches.

The bench said that it has perused the various orders passed from time to time which contained several interim directions and reminded the BBMP about its obligation.

"This court has held that the right to have a good road and footpath is right to life. BBMP is unable to appoint an agency to inspect the present condition of roads," the bench said.

This was after BBMP counsel K N Puttegowda submitted that the Indian Institute of Science IISc had sought Rs 5.94 crore to inspect and submit a report on 70 roads for which the civic body has spent Rs 70 lakh on repair works.

"We direct the Secretary of the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) and Secretary of Bengaluru Urban District Legal Services Authority to create a panel of paralegal volunteers and panel of advocates," the bench said.

It said that these two panels should identify various public streets in BBMP jurisdiction. They should be requested to visit the designated public streets with a view to ascertain their present condition, the bench ordered.

"It will be appropriate for the Secretary of KSLSA to invite the petitioners and their counsel for a meeting to identify which public streets are to be visited. The two panels should act as commissioners of court and submit a report along with soft copies of the photographs," the bench said.

It directed the Secretaries of both the Authorities to compile a report and prepare a gist which should be submitted by February 5, 2021. On February 6, 2020, the bench had directed the BBMP to appoint IISc to conduct an audit of pothole-filling works in the city.

> **This court has held that the right to have a good road and footpath is right to life. BBMP is unable to appoint an agency to inspect the present condition of roads**
> Karnataka High Court

PROJECT SHIVAJINAGAR LAUNCHED

Bengaluru: BBMP on Thursday launched Project Shivajinagar, to ensure proper garbage management in the area. Spearheaded by MLA Rizwan Arshad, the project aims to create awareness among residents on garbage segregation, proper waste disposal, scientific handling of waste and other civic affairs. It is aimed at bringing in a positive change among people in the neighbourhood. Under the programme block committees will be launched in all wards for household management of waste, proper door-to-door collection, cleanliness, and timely collection of waste. MLA Rizwan Arshad said: "Garbage menace has always been an issue in my constituency. To address the issue, I consulted various experts in the field and studied models of other cities that managed to overhaul their garbage collection system. And now, with #ProjectShivajinagar, I want to ensure that Shivajinagar is a garbage-free neighborhood." The cost of the project will be borne by Rizwan Arshad Foundation, a philanthropic forum. Ugly Indians, a NGO, has also partnered in the initiative to convert 10 black spots into clean spaces, starting this weekend. **ENS**

Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal to open on Feb 15

Detailed Project Report for Phase 3 is likely to be ready by March 2021

Preparatory work for Metro Phase 3 begins

Bengaluru: Detailed Project Report for two corridors of Phase-3 will be prepared by consultancy firm RITES Limited. These corridors total a distance of 42km and cover JP Nagar to Hebbal (Corridor-1) along the Outer Ring Road (ORR West) and Toll gate (Hosahalli Metro Station) to Kadabagere (Corridor-2), BMRCL has stated in its annual report uploaded on its website. The DPR is expected to be ready by March 2021. Highlighting the progress made by different stretches in the 72.1 km Phase-II project, it said that up to September 2020, nearly 47% of physical progress has been made. The report also said BMRCL had incurred a loss of Rs 170 crore from March 22 to August-end due to suspension of trains. This includes revenue from both fare and non-fare streams. For the financial year 2019-20, it said that the average total monthly revenue for the 11 month period up to February 2020, was Rs.36.87 crore. In March alone (due to operations closure in the last week), the revenue dipped to Rs 24.35 crore.

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THE Bengaluru Railway Division has fixed February 15, 2021 as the tentative launch date for the much delayed Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal Bengaluru (Baiyappanahalli Third Coaching Terminal), as per an internal note issued on Thursday by the senior divisional operations manager. The South Western Railway Zone has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the event and they are awaiting a confirmation from the Prime Minister's Office.

The South Western Railway Zone had recently sent a communique to the PMO through the Railway Ministry inviting the PM for the official launch of this project and to lay the foundation stone for the dedicated suburban rail project for the city.

The Rs 15,657-crore suburban project for Bengaluru was approved by the Centre on October 7 this year but has not been formally launched yet. The Rs 192-crore Visvesvaraya terminal too has suffered much delay with the Covid restrictions playing a major factor. "The terminal is set for launch with three platforms, a station building, ticketing area and other passenger amenities," said a senior railway official.

"We are hoping the PM will launch both these projects. If that is not possible, then the railway minister will do the honours," said another official. The specific number of trains that would be diverted to this terminal is yet to be finalised, he added.

Meanwhile, the Kempegowda International Airport Halt station, though ready, is yet to be launched. Though the divisional railway manager said that it would be launched last week, it was postponed due to the model code of conduct in place due to the gram panchayat elections. "The launch will now happen after December 30," a source said.

'Bengaluru Smart City work to be completed by March-April 2021'

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HOWEVER, some of the essential projects like development of 110 villages on the outskirts and addressing issues related to the health sector in Covid-19 times, like setting up super-specialty hospitals, advertising and hoarding policy, encroachment of drains and public spaces and making officials accountable for the lack of proper development were not included in the agenda.

While Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa spoke about strengthening public transport, there was no mention if there would be a cap on the registration of new private vehicles. The mission document also did not specifically mention about coordination between various civic agencies, which is crucial for the development of Bengaluru. It also did not have any special mention of creating more clean public toilets in the city.

However, Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, Rakesh Singh, and BBMP Administrator Gaurav Gupta said works were ongoing and tenders were also called.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa at the Bengaluru Mission - 2020 event at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Bengaluru Development minister Byrathi Basavaraj used the platform to announce that Smart City road works will be completed by March-April 2021. "I have held a detailed meeting with the officials and addressed the issue of proper coordination between all civic agencies. Directions have been issued to complete the works within the set time," he said.

209 RWH pits dug in Lalbagh

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THE Horticulture Department inaugurated 209 rain water harvesting pits at Lalbagh Botanical Gardens on Thursday in collaboration with Bosch and NGO United Way of Bengaluru. Of the 209 pits, 124 are water percolation pits sponsored by Bosch as part of its CSR activities, and 85 were funded by the horticulture department. Also, 50 more pits are being dug.

"The idea was to increase the water holding capacity of the area. The groundwater table not only in Lalbagh but in surrounding areas had also dipped drastically, despite the tree cover, because of ongoing civil works. To increase the water table these pits have been created in the valley terrains of Lalbagh without disturbing biodiversity and natural lung space," G Kusuma, Deputy Director, Lalbagh said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18th December: Venus and Pluto make a fabulous pair of alignments, one which encourages peace and reconciliation but also tempts us into reckless promises. Of course, we can't expect such things to take place just because the planets occupy particular positions. We actually have to work to make them happen for the best, and that means turning our backs on mindless confrontation.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your charms are many, but you could be very much more sensitive than usual and hence all too ready to fly off the handle. The best advice is therefore to be very cool when provoked, and always aim for the most responsible and mature course of action.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Venus, your planetary ruler, is now entering a relationship with Pluto, which is sure to raise your hopes and inflate your desires. The best advice is to work hard, check legal complications and exploit all overseas or long-distance contacts.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You seem to be in a state of uncertainty. If so, this is a thoroughly good thing, because it means you're aware that change is in the air. It also reveals that there is more to come to light before you can take a firm decision. You must be patient!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
A little caution now will help you achieve far greater things in the future. Don't be dismayed by delays at work, for someone who has dropped out of the picture will shortly reappear. Incidentally, it's about time that other people pulled their weight at home!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Your plans will fall into place once Mercury, planet of communication, begins to influence the region of your chart connected to home and family. You're about to realise something about someone close which should both surprise and reassure you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You may well be feeling misguided and out of your depth, but you're not alone. The only difference is that you have the humility to realise it. That's by far the best basis from which to get on with the next stage of your personal ambitions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The best possible planetary aspects suggest that, if you want to convert rivals into allies and turn allies into close friends, there is nothing to stop you. Yet the problem with this period is your tendency to go over the top: you seem unable to restrain your emotional expectations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Discretion is the better part of valour, as they say. The advantage you now have over others is that you can choose when to stay silent and when to say your piece. Wait a few more weeks by all means. And if you want to keep your feelings secret, that's your right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You should see to it that all debts are paid in full, including emotional ones. Other people should be in no doubt that their relations with you are subject to duties as well as rights. You might owe them a favour, but they might owe you much more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Venus, lady of love, is now striking the right chord. You'll have to play a careful game for even while you allow your emotional hopes to be raised, you must keep your feet firmly on the ground. You have everything to play for at the moment, and little to lose!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Although the romantic situation is dominated by secrecy, everything else in your life now indicates that the time has come to enter into new agreements and generally broaden your horizons. But before you can tell other people how you feel, you have to be comfortable with your own desires.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are about to make a new financial commitment, one which will pay very little return, if any, but which will make you feel good. Just make sure that the people you're about to support are worth it! If anyone has let you down in the past then you don't want to be taken in a second time, do you?

THE PHANTOM

SERIOUSLY? YOU DON'T SEE IT?
YOU'RE THAT CLUELESS?
I MUST BE! IF I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT YOU AND HELOISE HAVE INDEPENDENTLY THOUGHT WOULD BE GOOD FOR KADA..
OH, GOOD GRIEF!... I WANT OUR SON HOME!
NOW!
Falk

HI AND LOIS

LISTEN TO THIS SONG, DAD.
I GET TO SIT IN HIS LAP.
NO, IT'S MY TURN.
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION, DEAR?
HEY! I THOUGHT I WAS THE CENTER OF ATTENTION IN THIS FAMILY.

BEETLE BAILEY

I DON'T LIKE THIS CAMPSITE
IT'S REALLY WINDY. WHAT IF A TREE BLOWS OVER ON MY TENT?
ONE COULD JUST AS EASILY FALL ON MY TENT. I'M NOT WHINING ABOUT IT
THANKS, I FEEL BETTER IMAGINING THAT!

BLONDIE

DAD, DO YOU REMEMBER STASHING A TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL BEHIND THE CAR VISOR?
I DON'T THINK SO. WHY?
NO REASON
I NEED TO HAVE A CHAT WITH THAT BOY

LOCKHORNS

"OKAY... NOW I'M WORRIED."

DENNIS THE MENACE

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SUDOKU

				5	2	7		
						6	4	3
6	7							
2		8	1					
9			8		5			1
					3	9		4
							3	9
4	8	1						
		2	5	7				

HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

4	1	9	3	6	5	2	8	7
7	3	6	2	8	1	9	4	5
2	5	8	9	7	4	6	3	1
6	7	5	1	4	8	3	9	2
3	2	4	5	9	6	7	1	8
8	9	1	7	2	3	5	6	4
1	8	3	6	5	7	4	2	9
5	4	2	8	3	9	1	7	6
9	6	7	4	1	2	8	5	3

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

IGIDT

FIDTR

MEETXP

COEJTB

What's going on? I can hear you grumbling in the other room.
I want to look sharp, but I can't find anything!
GETTING READY TO PUT ON HIS BEST SUIT, HE COULDN'T FIND HIS NECKWEAR. HE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ABOVE SWISH PELLET STURDY
Answer: She called about her unusually high electric bill and asked — "WATTS" UP?

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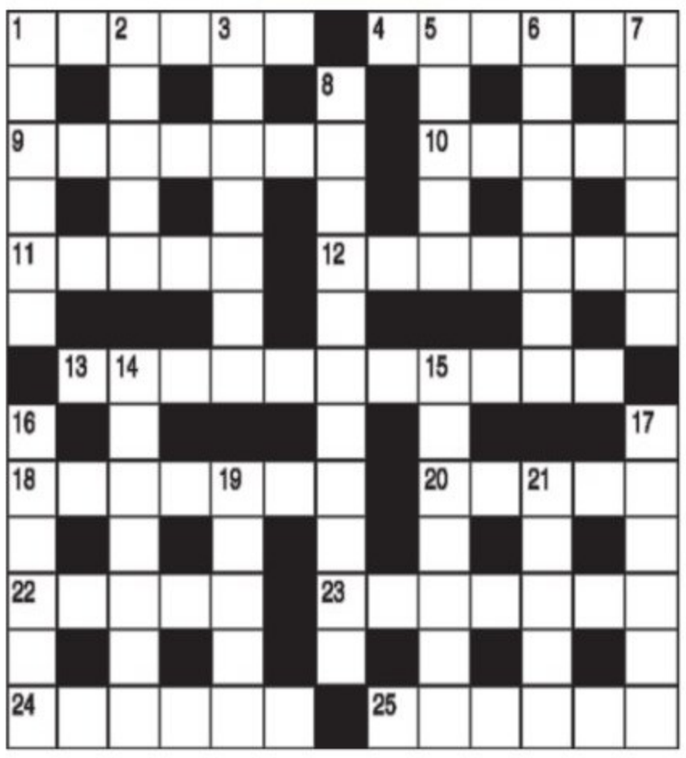
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Cut out the tax (6)
4 Will perhaps take to the air for a short time (6)
9 Shaw's major character (7)
10 Ellis spins a yarn (5)
11 It gives rise to many things (5)
12 Notes that don't agree (7)
13 It's entering in a way that's exciting attention (11)
18 Postage irregularities bring out the secret police (7)
20 Excellent if not fast way to surpass others (5)
22 Well salted (5)
23 Passage taken from a district (7)
24 It's both cleaner and smoother (6)
25 She's not so smart as her mate (6)

DOWN

1 It needs to grow by more development (6)
2 It's about time (5)
3 A payout in Washington? (7)
5 Giant book of maps (5)
6 An adornment so often misplaced (7)
7 Surrenders profits (6)
8 A measure of enlightenment (11)
14 Holy man in no spirit for a quack remedy (7)
15 Where he is involved in a diverting treat? (7)
16 Trophy for the champion layer? (6)
17 Key operators may strike against it (6)
19 Acids ruined the echo sounder (5)
21 Bus - or train (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Message, 5 Lobes, 8 Change of scene, 9 Adder, 10 Snorkel, 11 Slogan, 12 Burned, 15 Operate, 17 Depot, 19 Passenger list, 20 Rings, 21 Spotted.

Down: 1 Mecca, 2 Stand to reason, 3 Algeria, 4 Egoist, 5 Lasso, 6 Breaking point, 7 Shelled, 11 Stopper, 13 Undergo, 14 Reigns, 16 Abets, 18 Toted.

SAD DEMISE

Whatever action is performed by a great person,
common people follow in their footsteps and
whatever standards they set by exemplary acts,
all the world pursues.

Lord Krishna, Bhagavad Gita

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SHARATH MEETS DKS, LIKELY TO JOIN CONG

Does not give date, but ties up with party for panchayat, DCC polls

MLA Sharath Bache Gowda meets KPCC chief D K Shivakumar and Congress MLA Krishna Byre Gowda on Thursday

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INDEPENDENT MLA Sharath Bachegowda, who contested as a rebel BJP candidate against MTB Nagaraj in the Hoskote bypolls and defeated him, on Wednesday met KPCC president D K Shivakumar, sparking speculation that he is set to join the Congress.

Sharath is the son of senior BJP MP from Chikkaballapur B N Bache Gowda.

The late evening meeting went on for a considerable length of time, during which Sharath reportedly indicated to Shivakumar that he would like to be part of the national party in the long run, but did not give a joining date.

Instead, he gave shape to a working relationship with the Congress. He told TNIE that he had spoken to Shivakumar on a wide variety of issues and his meeting focused primarily on the Gram Panchayat elections. "I will be tying up with the Congress for the panchayat elections, and also for the Bangalore District Cooperative Bank, where we will work in a mutually beneficial way," he said.

Sharath, who contested as a BJP rebel after being an office-bearer of the BJP Yuva Morcha, was penalised and expelled from the BJP, and went on to win an upset victory against turncoat and former minister MTB Nagaraj, the official BJP candidate.

The JDS did not put up a candidate against Sharath and agreed to back him. Bache Gowda being a long-time legislator of the Janata Parivar may have helped matters. Sharath confirmed that he had got feelers from the JDS, "not from the highest level, but from the mid-level", but that he would not join the JDS. "I would prefer to join Congress, and have also received offers," he said. Asked when he would formally make his entry, he did not give a date but said he would consider it in the long run.

With the Gram Panchayat elections hotting up, Sharath was seen with Congress supporters campaigning on home turf Hoskote, represented by his father for decades.

'Cabinet expansion in Dec-end or early Jan'

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THE much-awaited cabinet expansion is likely to take place in the last week of December or the first week of January. According to **Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi**, cabinet expansion was delayed due to the Gram Panchayat elections.

A number of leaders in the BJP are desperately waiting for Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to expand his cabinet, though the party leadership does not appear to be keen on it so soon.

While he did not comment on the possible changes and inclusions, he told reporters that the cabinet will take a new shape in the next three weeks.

> **The candidate for the Belagavi Lok Sabha bypoll would take place after the bypoll dates are announced the party**
>
> Ramesh Jarkiholi, Water Resources Minister

Commenting on the chaos in the Legislative Council on Tuesday, he said the Speaker was a good person but did not have majority support inside, so it was better that he resigns from the post.

Jarkiholi said the candidate for the Belagavi Lok Sabha bypoll would take place after the bypoll dates are announced, and asserted that the party and its leaders would work sincerely for the party candidate.

He said that dividing Belagavi district into Chikkodi and Gokak districts would help improve administration. Asked whether his son Amarnath would enter electoral politics, the minister said he "will not enter politics, at least at this juncture".

Conman threatened educationist, extorted ₹20 crore from him

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

EXTORTIONIST Yuvraj Swamy, who was nabbed by police recently, had got his claws into a former MP, and extorted about Rs 20 crore from him. TNIE managed to access audio tapes of extortion and blackmail of the former MP seeking to get his money back, but being abused and threatened.

Yuvraj, who claimed to be with the RSS, had been to some shakhas and had working knowledge of the organisation. He was also good at name dropping. Wearing a white shirt and dhoti, a vermilion dab on his forehead, he usually befriended VVIPs in airports by deliberately taking a business class flight. His modus operandi was to pose as a friend and volunteer to carry the VVIP's hand baggage, and talk big.

The former MP and education-ist fell for the trap and gave him Rs 20 crore. Over a period of time and many meetings, he realised that Yuvraj Swamy's claims did not materialise, and nor did his assurances. Yuvraj would give evasive replies. When the former MP and his team tried to get the money back, Yuvraj abused them, and even alleged that he was indulging in criminal activities.

Attempts to get the money back went on for more than three years, and the education-ist avoided going to the police for fear of bad publicity.

> **This is why we apprehended Yuvraj Swamy. We will be able to give details after the investigation is complete. The MP too claimed that he had no contact with the extortionist**
>
> Sandeep Patil, Joint Commissioner

After the present government took over in 2019, he informed the authorities and requested help. The racketeer allegedly targeted at least 10 other important politicians.

A high-profile team of city officers started interrogating Yuvraj Swamy and realised that his mobile phone had personal numbers of the virtual who's who of the political world. Call records indicated that he was in touch with them as well.

Joint Commissioner Sandeep Patil told *TNIE*, "This is why we apprehended Yuvraj Swamy. We will be able to give details after the investigation is complete. The MP too claimed that he had no contact with the extortionist."

Aero India on track for Feb 3 take-off

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THE Paris Air Show that was scheduled to be held in June next year may have been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic, but there is no change in Aero India 2021 schedule and the five-day event is all set to take-off on February 3. In the run-up to the air show, a webinar series started from Thursday with experts discussing "Joint Maldives High Level Defence Engagement."

Preparations for the biggest aerospace exposition, the 13th edition of Aero-India 2021 to be held at Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru are going on.

"We are going ahead with Aero India 2021 and there is no change," Kapil Mohan, Principal Secretary, Infrastructure Development Department told *TNIE* on Thursday. The senior IAS officer, who is closely coordinating with various state government departments that are providing assistance to the Ministry of Defence in conducting the show, said preparations for the event are going on as planned.

However, keeping in mind the pandemic, there will be some changes as far as public participation is concerned. Number of visitors to the show is likely to be restricted to avoid crowding. Some events are also likely to be held online.

However, there are apprehensions over foreign firms attending the show as many countries are experiencing the second wave of Covid. In the last edition in 2019, 238 Indian and 165 foreign exhibitors had displayed their products, and about 4 lakh business and general visitors had attended the event.

Though organisers plan to take precautions like having thermal scanners at all entry points and strictly enforcing the "no mask no entry" rule, it is certainly going to be a challenging task to conduct the event of such a magnitude in the midst of a pandemic. However, a lot will depend on how the situation will pan out over the next few weeks, officials said.

> **The farm bills are only intended to help corporates, so everyone should join the fight against corporate culture**
>
> Prasanna, Theatre activist

Theatre activist Prasanna joins farmer leaders in their protest against the Centre's agri-laws, at Gandhi Statue, in Bengaluru on Thursday | SHRIRAM BN

Theatre activist Prasanna joins farmers' agitation

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THEATRE Activist and Playwright Prasanna extended his support to the ongoing farmers' protest in the national capital and agitation against amendments to the Karnataka Land Reforms Act on Thursday.

Taking part in the indefinite protest launched in Bengaluru to show support to the farmers' protest in New Delhi, Prasanna said the ongoing agitation is a movement to protect rural culture and life, and everyone should join it.

"Corporate culture that is ruling the country is the reason for all the problems in the society and the farm bills are only intended to help corporates, so everyone should join hands in the fight against corporate culture," said Prasanna, who has been fighting for sustainable development in the country.

Farmers and farm labourers are the real scientists and they must continue with their agitation without any fear or apprehensions, he added. Prasanna also hit out at the Karnataka Land Reforms Act.

Karnataka Prantha Krishi Koolikarana Sangha state president Nityananda Swamy said the farm bills by the central and state governments will render farm labourers jobless. "As many as 25 farmers who took part in the protest, died due to cold and other reasons, but the government is adamant on not considering their demands," he added.

Apart from supporting the ongoing protest in New Delhi, farmers in Karnataka are also protesting against the amendments to Karnataka Land Reforms Act.

VIOLENT ATTACKS ON JARKIHOLIS' TURF AHEAD OF PANCHAYAT POLLS

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VIOLENT incidents broke out in two villages on Wednesday night, just ahead of the GP elections. The polls have become a matter of prestige for many political heavyweights, including the Jarkiholi brothers. Two incidents were registered, one at Yamakanmardi and the second at Ankalgi, the turfs of Satish and Ramesh respectively.

In the first incident at Yamakanmardi, an unknown person fired bullets from a country-made pistol at the personal assistant of KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi and at a Congress worker following a clash. Both sustained bullet wounds and were hospitalised in Belagavi. The PA has been identified as Kiran Rajput and the Congress party worker is Bharma Dhupdale. Yamakanmardi assembly constituency is represented by Satish Jarkiholi.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the attacker wore a mask and aimed at the duo from a distance of 7 feet. Satish Jarkiholi has condemned the incident and appealed to the police to bring the culprits to book.

According to local Congress sources, the party suspects the attack is linked to the Gram Panchayat elections in Yamakanmardi where several candidates in the fray are expecting a close battle.

Left: Weapons seized from the house of an accused in Ankalgi, an attacker with a sickle in hand during the clashes in at Ankalgi | EXPRESS

In the second incident, Raju Talwar, a resident of Ankalgi village (near Gokak which is represented by minister Ramesh Jarkiholi), attacked three persons brutally with a sword and a sickle in a clash with a family, according to the police. The condition of the three victims — Sanju Chikkugol, Akash Chikkugol, Akshay Chikkugol — is stated to be critical.

Talwar, against whom the police have booked a case, is said to be absconding.

After the incident, Ankalgi police raided Talwar's house and seized 20 sickles and several other weapons. The police said they also seized about Rs 83 lakh of unaccounted cash from his house. A separate case has been registered against Talwar for storing huge cash without any supporting documents.

Commenting on the violent incident at Ankalgi, Satish Jarkiholi said, "Raju Talwar enjoys political support. This is the third violent incident at Ankalgi in the last six months. A hostile atmosphere prevails there. The police must initiate measures to ensure law and order there."

Responding to the statement of Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi that the Ankalgi clash was between two families, Satish Jarkiholi said, "Yes, the clash was between two families but they belonged to two different political parties."

80-year-old unconquered since 1978

SHREEPADA AYACHIT @Koppal

EIGHTY-year-old Reddy Veeraraju, who contested and won in the Mandal Panchayat elections in 1972, did not have the slightest hint then that he will remain unconquered in the Gram Panchayat (GP) elections for so long. He has been elected from Ward 7 to Shriramnagar GP in Kanakagiri taluk of Koppal district nine times in a row, ever since Shriramanagr GP was formed in 1978. His concern for the people is evident from the fact that residents of the ward elected him unopposed six times.

"There is a sea of change in GP elections, with many factors including money, muscle, and caste factors dominating the GP poll scene now-a-days. Yet, the people of my ward have indomitable faith in my sincere service and hence I have survived all these years in electoral politics. Non-party GP elections have come as blessing in disguise for me," Siddaraju told *TNIE*.

He is expected to remain win this time too as his son is Kanakagir block Congress president, political observers said.

BEYOND STIGMA

She fights rivals to set foot in Mandya panchayat

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

WITH the panchayat poll campaign peaking, and reports of auctioning of seats making headlines, a 30-year-old transwoman is fighting stigma, resources and strong rivals and is determined to create history in the panchayat poll battle of Mandya.

Prafulla Devi, a social activist who marched from Mandya to Bengaluru, pressing for a permanent ban on illegal mining in and around the Krishna Raja Sagar reservoir, mobilised women against the opening of a wine shop in the village, and brought them together for economic empowerment. She is now pitted in a triangular contest in Keelara village of Mandya taluk.

Keelara, the native village of former Education Minister K V Shankere Gowda, is known for harmony among people across castes. Prafulla Devi, an ardent follower of Gandhi and Shankere Gowda's love for promoting education, was inspired to be part of the panchayat, the grassroots of parliamentary democracy.

It was the sense of satisfaction in social service which inspired Prafulla Devi to reach out to the Deputy Commissioner and election authorities, seeking clarification on transwomen contesting the panchayat election. Citing the recommendations of the Backward Classes Commission, former chairman Dawaraknath recommended that transgenders and LGBT be considered under Category 2A. She knocked on the babu's door to know from which category she should contest.

Prafulla Devi (right) speaks to a voter

Delighted that she can contest in a ward reserved for general women category, Prafulla is in the fray for the autorickshaw symbol. Helping in farming activities, milking a cow and carrying out domestic work, Devi and her parents, relatives and friends are reaching out to voters with an appeal to give her an opportunity to serve the people. "I wanted to focus on improving the drainage system, construct toilets for all and focus on the development of the century-old government school," she said.

Devi, aware of money power in the election, is confident that there are people who opt for the merits of the candidate rather than freebies or materialistic factors. This transwoman, who formed a federation of 20 self-help women groups in the village, claims that the people have seen her commitment and would definitely back her.

Prafulla's father Nagaraja said they are happy that their daughter is contesting, and the sole objective is to serve the people. We are encouraging her for the good cause and hope that she will make it to the village panchayat, he said.

Transgender confident of second consecutive win in Tumakuru village

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Tumakuru

THE village and her family are working for her second consecutive victory in the Gram Panchayat elections.

Fazloon, 37, a transgender who is contesting the polls at Chakenahalli village under Kunnala Gram Panchayat in Gubbi taluk, is confident of winning. The polls are on December 22. The last time she polled 247 votes and won by a margin of 47 against two of her rivals. This time it will be a straight fight.

Fazloon claimed she had served the people of her village for over two decades and launched many development works in the last five years. "I have tried my best to provide all the basic amenities including drinking water to the residents and hence my win for the second time is a sure shot," she said with a smile.

She said she never faced any stigma or discrimination because her parents Gousemuddein and Pyarima and the village treated her normally.

Fazloon's is a close-knit family of 14 members including a transgender sibling. And the family is giving her all their support. "I run a tea shop at the vegetable market in Tumakuru. Now since my sister is contesting the polls, I have been devoting my time campaigning for her," said Moinuddien, her brother.

Fazloon has been advising her transgender community to take up jobs instead of seeking alms for a living as it will give them self-respect.

"Last time I missed to become the president and this time I am hoping to get the top post," Fazloon said.

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>
> Fazloon, candidate

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VACCINE OR NOT, MASK IS HERE TO STAY

Getting a jab may not prevent transmission of virus, does not mean people can abandon caution: Experts

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

GIVEN the tragedy and havoc that SARS-CoV-2 has wrought across the world, a vaccine against Covid-19 has almost acquired the halo of a panacea, a cure-all that would restore life as we knew it. Experts however, point out that there is much we still don't know and that washing hands, wearing masks, and maintaining physical distance will be required even after the immunisation programme begins.

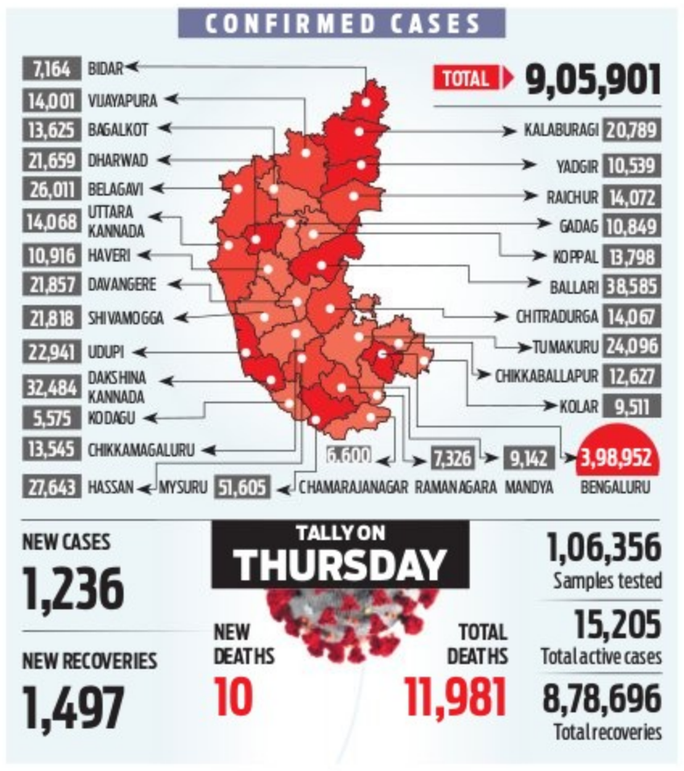
The efficacy of vaccines being developed across the globe ranges between 70-95%, but experts say that getting a shot does not mean that people abandon all caution, not just because the best test for a vaccine's effectiveness will be in the real world, but also because the immunisation drive would last several months.

"A vaccine only prevents someone from getting symptoms, or protects from developing a serious form of the disease. There is no guarantee that a vaccinated person will not transmit the virus to another person. There are many asymptomatic people, who have no symptoms but the virus is present in their nasal passage. When they breathe, cough or sneeze, they can still transmit the virus to others," said Dr Giridhara Babu, epidemiologist and member of the state's expert committee on Covid.

Dr Babu also said that how long the protection of the vaccine will last is still not known. "(So) we need to continue to take all precaution. Wearing masks will also help prevent respiratory diseases," he added.

Several vaccines in development are to be administered in two doses which could be several weeks apart. This also affects immunity, said Dr Sunil Kumar K, senior consultant for interventional pulmonology at Aster CMI Hospital. "After the first dose, there is only about 56% efficacy in terms of the virus getting transmitted, and 94% efficacy is achieved only after two months of vaccination. During this period people who have been vaccinated still need to be cautious and are required to continue wearing masks and follow physical distance measures," he said.

Dr Jagadish Hiremath, medical director at Ace Suhas Multispecialty Hospital said that many variables affect individual immunity and virus transmission. "The vaccine will increase antibodies which will circulate to the nasal mucosa and stand guard there. But it's not clear how much of the antibody pool can be mobilised (by the body) or how quickly. If the answer is: 'not much', then viruses could bloom in the nose and be sneezed or breathed out to infect others. A lot of people are thinking that once they get vaccinated, they won't have to wear masks any more. But it's critical for them to know that they have to keep wearing masks, because they could still be contagious."



The Vidyagama programme will resume again from January 15 | SHRIRAM B N

Classes 10, 12 to resume from Jan 1

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THE Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) during a on Thursday recommended resuming regular classes for Classes 10 and 12 in a staggered manner from January 1. However, the recommendations are yet to be placed before Chief Minister Yediyurappa for his approval before it is officially announced.

According to sources privy to the meeting, the TAC also gave its nod to resume classes for Grades 9 and 11 from Jan 15, while Vidyagama is to be compulsory for Classes 6-8 from January 1.

The committee met with Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar and education officials and briefed them on its analysis on starting offline classes.

The committee is said to have told them that the department could start preparing for Class 10 and 12 students to return to schools. But the number of students should be limited to a bare minimum and students should be called just twice a week to attend classes.

The TAC said that board exam students (Classes 10 and 12) who will also be attempting competitive examinations, will benefit from face-to-face classes.

Other classes can be resumed after assessing the performance of the reopened classes. It also suggested that students, teachers and staff should be allowed to return to school only on producing a 'negative' test report.

The education department has been tasked with building confidence among parents and School Development and Monitoring Committees about the reopening. Health department officials apprised the TAC of the steps taken to address the pandemic.

Controversy in textbooks

After Mantralaya Raghavendra Swamiji raised an issue about a chapter in Class 6 social studies textbook containing content that hurt the sentiments of the Brahmin community, Kumar ordered the principal secretary to drop the content.

He has asked the Karnataka Text Book Society to form an expert committee and analyse social science and language books from Class 1-10 for controversial content and submit a report in 15 days.

Create training protocol for private vaccinators: Centre to State

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THE Union Health Ministry has written to states, directing them to prepare protocol to train private vaccinators to administer shots once a vaccine is available. However, Karnataka is yet to decide whether health professionals from the private sector will have to be hired for the Covid-19 immunisation program.

"We have been asked to keep training modules for private workers ready. The order says that if the state involves private workers for delivery of vaccines then they need to be compulsorily trained on this front." said a senior health official.

Dr Rajani Nageshrao, Deputy Director for Immunisation at State Department of Health and Family Welfare said, "We are yet to take a decision on the training for private vaccinators. We will discuss it with the commissioner and only then take a decision taken regarding involving private vaccinators."

Health experts point out that India's Universal Immunisation Programme is always for a target group - such as pregnant women and children - and generally does not exceed more than 20-30 million at one go. But things will be different with Covid-19, they said.

"There is still a debate on whether private sector participation is needed or whether the government should handle this single-handedly with the existing networks. However, it is believed that if the government, as the largest employer, manages to vaccinate all its employees, and larger private players, including those in the health care sector, administer shots to their employees and families, nearly 10-12 million people will get vaccinated quickly. However, for such a large vaccination project, the government should allow the private sector to participate with regulations in place for at least the first six months," said a senior doctor from a renowned private hospital.

> **Based on the state's experience during the MR immunisation campaign in 2017 when 1.58 crore children were covered in two months, Karnataka is well-placed to carry out Covid vaccination**
>
> Dr K Sudhakar, Minister for Health and Family Welfare

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar had earlier told TNIE that the state government has sufficient number of trained vaccinators and the government had already identified around 10,000 trained vaccinators. A majority of them are those who had carried out the Measles Rubella (MR) immunisation campaign.

Public health experts say that the number of vaccinators may be sufficient for the initial phase but the state government will need more vaccinators when the state gets into the second stage.

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I, **Mr.Ravi.K,** has Lost Original Sale Deed No.1178/01-02, Bk-I, Vol-4879, Pg-214-224, Dtd-27-06-01, in Respect of **Property Shop No.1 & 2 out of Property No.170 (old No.9 & 10),** Situated at **Benki Nawab Lane, Sadar Partappa Road Cross, Bangalore,** have lodge a Police Complaint, if found please contact : 7829232417.

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I, **Mr.Ravi.K,** has lost Original Sale Deed No.1181/01-02, Bk-I, Vol-4880, Pg-1-10, Dtd-27-06-01, in Respect of **Property Shop No.7 & 8 out of Property No.170 (old No.9 & 10),** Situated at **Benki Nawab Lane, Sadar Partappa Road Cross, Bangalore,** have lodge a Police Complaint, if found please contact : 7829232417.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, Sri. T.R. Nandakumar, Aged about 70 years, S/o Late T.S. Rushinath Naidu, R/at No.2, 2nd 'B' Cross, Muniveeramma Layout, Chikkabanaswadi Main Road, Benglauru - 560 043, has lost the Lease-Cum-Sale Agreement executed by BDA which is registered in the Officer of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru Development Authority, Bengaluru in Document No. BDA-1-01053-2009-10, Book-I, C.D.No.BDAD150 dated: 10/07/2009 and Original Possession Certificate dated: 10/07/2009 in No.103214 issued by the BDA and Khatha certificate dated:02/02/2010 in No. BDA2890/09-10 in respect of site bearing No.2890, "Arkavathi Layout", Block-VII, 7th Block, (Sy.No.39, Jakkur Village) Bengaluru, while transit at Chikkabanaswadi Area, Bangalore on 09/12/2020. In this regard I have lodged a police complaint before the Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police on 15/12/2020 and same is lodged under Lost Article Report in No. 163338/2020. The finder of the said documents may kindly deliver the same to me and the finder will be suitably rewarded through me. Public are also hereby warned not to have any transaction with anybody based on the said documents, in respect of the above said property, if you are doing so, you will be doing so at your cost, risk and consequences.

B.Roopesha & Sandeep.M.K., Advocates
No.30, Ground Floor, Vishwanatha Rao Road, Madhavanagar, Bengaluru - 560 001.
Mobile: 98804 97767

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Mrs. PADMAVATHI, aged about 39 years, Daughter of Smt. RAMAKKA & W/o. M.N. SHEKAR, Residing at NO.259, 1st MAIN, 7th CROSS, AMBEDKAR NAGAR, RAMAMURTHY NAGAR, BENGALURU EAST, BENGALURU-560016, is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and my Client had lost / misplaced Original Registered Sale Deed vide document No. 1252/1974-75, dated : 04/05/1974, in Book-1, Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru in respect of the Schedule Property and subsequently my Client have lodged complaint before the Bengaluru City Police on 02/12/2020 in Lost Report No. 156255/2020 in Serial No. 904336. If any person/s find the said original document shall handover to the undersigned Advocate or any person or persons having any right, title, interest, claim and ownership over Schedule Property, the same may be informed to the undersigned Advocate, in person, along with the documentary proof, within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which, it is presumed that my client is at liberty to deal with the same in any manner as she deems fit and for her future transactions / dealings in respect of the Schedule property, the Certified Copy of the above said document shall be considered as absolute title deed. Any claim made after the stipulated period, will not be valid and the finder will be suitable rewarded of return of the original document.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Site No. 6, Old No.27, Khatha No.526, situated at KOWDENAHALLI, K.R.PURAM HOBLI, BENGALURU EAST TALUK, BENGALURU, earlier K.R.PURAM C.M.C, Ward No.6, presently comes within the Limits of B.B.M.P., Ward No.26, measuring EAST to WEST on NORTHERN SIDE : 29 FEET & on SOUTHERN SIDE : 34 FEET and NORTH to SOUTH on EASTERN SIDE : 41-1/2 FEET & WESTERN SIDE : 40 FEET, in total measuring 1283.62 SQUARE FEET, bounded on East by : Government Land, West by : Site No.7, North by : Site No.5, South by : 16 Feet Road.

C.R. ABDUL RASHEED, Advocates & Solicitors,
Md. Haroon Rasheed, No. 86/3, 1st Floor, Court Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005, Mob : +91-9448018385/9686034210
Place: Bangalore Dated: 17-12-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Rajalakshmi S. Murthy, W/o. Late Y.K. Sridharmurthy, No. 26, Byrappa Garden, Near Kathriguppe Water Tank, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 85 is the absolute owner of the Site No.31 - B in the layout of the Society in Sy.No. 61 & 62 of Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru measuring 30'x50' (1500 sq.ft) including residential house. My client has lost the Original Possession certificate dated 09.10.1998 issued by the Pramoda House Building Co-Operative Society in favour of her vendors, Mr. K.D. Krishna Murthy & Usha.

Notice is hereby given to the General Public calling upon anyone in possession of the Original Possession Certificate dated 09.10.1998 issued by the Pramoda House Building Co-operative Society in favour of my client's vendors, Mr. K.D. Krishna Murthy & Usha with respect to the aforesaid site to hand over the same to my office within 5 working days, failing which, my client will be constrained to proceed with the True copies of the said Possession Certificate for her further transactions.

Gaurav G.K., Advocate
No.103, 1st Floor, Central Complex, S.C. Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020.
Mob: 9743732830
Bengaluru Date: 16.12.2020

UNIMONI FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
RO: N.G. 12 & 13 Ground Floor, North Block, Manipal Centre, Dickenson Road, Bangalore - 560 042. CIN No.U85110KA1995PLC018175

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by UNIMONI FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED on 22.12.2020 at 10:00 am at NO 12/13, GROUND FLOOR, NORTH BLOCK, MANIPAL CENTRE, DICKENSON ROAD, KARNATAKA, 560042. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers. The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Overdue Loan Accounts of our various Customers mentioned below with branch name.

Loan Nos: BANGALORE - JAYANAGAR (BAJ) -1772352. BANGALORE - KORAMANGALA (BAK) -1770668. KARKALA (KKA) -1572067, 1746128, 1851995.

For more details, please contact : **Mr. PRAVEEN - 7025238001**

(Reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned &/ postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, KARNATAKA
LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, 2nd Floor, No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru -560025
Ph : 080-22244324, Fax : 080-2224 4325

SALE PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 48 to 51 & 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993
TRC No.255/2017 in OA No.766/2013

STATE BANK OF INDIA & Others, Bengaluru ...**Applicants**
Vs
KINGFISHER AIRLINES LIMITED & Others ...**CDs/Defendants**

To : CD 1)Kingfisher Airlines Limited, (in liqn),C/o.Office of Official Liquidator, Government of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Office of Official Liquidator, Corporate Bhan, 26-27, 12th Floor, Raheja Tower, M. G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. **2. M/s. Kingfisher Airlines Limited** UB Tower, Level 12, UB City, 24 Viital Mallya Road, Bangalore - 560 001. **3) CD3- Dr. Vijay Mallya,** S/o. Late Sri Vittal Mallya 3, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. **4) CD-2-United Breweries (Holdings) Limited.,** (in liqn),C/o.Office of Official Liquidator, Government of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Office of Official Liquidator, Corporate Bhan, 26-27, 12th Floor, Raheja Tower, M. G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. **5) United Breweries (Holdings) Limited.,** UB Tower, Level 12 UB City, 24, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. **6) CD-4 Kingfisher Finvest (India) Ltd.,** UB Tower, Level 12 UB City, 24, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. ...**CDs/Defendants**

The under mentioned immovable property will be sold by '**online e-Auction**' through web site **https://drt.auctiontiger.net** on **22.01.2021** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.6203,35,03,879.42** (Rupees Six Thousand Two Hundred Three Crores Thirty Five Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine and Paise Forty Two Only) and costs along with interest at 11.50% p.a. with yearly rests from 25.06.2013 till the date of complete realization of debt as per recovery certificate No. TRC 255/2017 in **OA No. 766/2013**

Date and Time of Auction	**22.01.2021 Between 11.30 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.**
Reserve Price	**Rs.65,20,00,000/- (Rs. Sixty Five CroreTwenty lakhs only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.6,52,00,000/- (Rupees Six Crore Fifty Two Lakhs only)**
Bid Increment Amount	**Rs.50,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only)
Last Date & Time of e-Tender form & EMD submission	**20.01.2021 Before 3.00 P.M.**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSET
KINGFISHER HOUSE

All the piece and parcels of immovable property situated at Village Bamanwada, Taluka Andheri in Bombay Suburban District bearing CTS No. 62, 63A (Part), 65, 66 and 67 admeasuring 2401.70 square meters or there about (less encroachment of 724.68 sq.mts of land, the net area of the plot available is 1677.02 sq.mts) of Municipal Ward No. KE597(6) of Andheri Division together with the building standing thereon formerly known as Paradigm and now known as KINGFISHER HOUSE consisting of Basement, Lower Ground, Ground and one Upper Floor totally admeasuring 1586.24 square meters (built up) or thereabouts and bounded as follows that is to say: On or towards the East: by land bearing CTS Nos. 63B, 68 and 69, On the towards the West : by Western Express Highway and land bearing CTS No. 64, On or towards the North : by land bearing CTS No. 61, On or towards the South : by land bearing CTS No. 71, 70 and 72.

Together with all buildings and structures thereon and all furniture and fixtures and plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the buildings/earth, both present and future.

For Terms and condition of sale visit website:https://drt.auctiontiger.net. For further details contact: Mr. Manohar V. Mobile No. 7353931866, E-mail : karnataka@auctiontiger.net and Mr. Praveen Thevar, Mobile No. 9722778828, email :praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net. **& Mr. J. Parameshwarappa,** AGM & CLO (9449840119) or **Mr. S. V. Rajapurohit,** Chief Manager & Case Officer (9448941414) State Bank of India, Stressed Asset Management Branch, Bengaluru, Ph. No. 080-25943489.

Given under my hand and seal on this 16th day of December 2020.

Sd/- Recovery Officer-2
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bengaluru

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre
No.73, Shantharam Bestowal, 1st Floor, Lalbagh Main Road, Sudhama Nagar, Bengaluru -560 027, Ph. No. 080-22114022/22114021
Email: sbi.40960@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (No.3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The below mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on below mentioned dates

The borrowers/guarantors and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amounts mentioned below with further interest accrued thereon and cost.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. **Name of the borrower : (1) Sri. Ganapath Raj Bohra** S/o. Sri Ramachandra Bohra & **(2) Smt. Chanchal Bohra** W/o. Sri. Ganapath Raj Bohra (Address for both) No. 8/31, "Padma", Shankarapuram, Rangarao Road, Next Old LIC Office, Bengaluru – 560 004.
Demand Notice date:31.01.2018
Balance as on that date was : **Rs.89,09,118/-** (Rupees eighty nine lakhs nine thousand one hundred eighteen only) as on 23-01-2018 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 14.12.2020
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.85,57,974/-(Rupees eighty five lakhs fifty seven thousand nine hundred seventy four only) as on 14-12-2020 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon..
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing No. 8/31, PID No. 49-6-8/31 situated at Bull Temple Road, Shankarapuram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru – 560 004, measuring East to West 30 ft. and North to South 60 ft. in all measuring 1800 sq.ft standing in the name of Sri. Ganapath Raj Bohra S/o. Sri Ramachandra Bohra and Smt. Chanchal Bohra W/o. Sri. Ganapath Raj Bohra. **Bounded by:** East: Site No. 8/30, West: Site No. 8/16, North: Sri. N. Sadashivan's Property, South: 30 ft. Road.

2. **Name of the borrower : (1) Smt. Suma Ganesh** W/o. Sri. Anshu Sharma **(2) Sri. Anshu Sharma** S/o. Sri. Ravi Kumar Sharma, No. 398, 2nd Floor, 1st 'B' Cross, 7th Block, Koramangala,Bangalore - 560 095. **Aslo at:**Site No. 162, Sy.No. 50, Oodanahalli Village, Toobagere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk,Bengaluru District
Demand Notice date:04.11.2019
Balance as on that date was : **Rs.6,95,483/-** (Rupees Six lakhs ninety five thousand four hundred eighty three only) as on 02-11-2019 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon as on 23-01-2018 and with interest at contractual rate and expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 14.12.2020
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.5,94,544/-(Rupeesfive lakhs ninety four thousand five hundred forty four only) as on 14-12-2020 and interest, + expenses, cost, charges, etc. thereon.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Site No. 162 coming under Sy.No. 50 of Oodanahalli Village, Toobagere Hobli, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose by the Asst. Commissioner, Doddaballapura Subdivision vide Order No. ALN/SR (DB) 27/96-97 dated: 19-02-1997 measuring by East: 57.51 ft.;West: 59.78 ft.; North: 55.28 ft. & South: 55.05 ft. (total extent of 3233 sq. ft.) - Village Panchayath Khata No. 48/11 issued by the Secretary, Heggadehalli Grama Panchyath, Oodanahalli, Village, Toobagere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore District, formed in Schedule 'B' Property with all rights privileges and appointments there to standing in the name of Smt. Suma Ganesh W/o. Sri.Anshu Sharma & Sri. Anshu Sharma S/o. Sri. Ravi Kumar Sharma. **Bounded by:** East: Plot No. 63,West: Plot No. 161, North: Road, South: Plot No. 366.

Place : Bangalore
Date: 14.12.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India , RACPC, Lalbagh Main Road, Bengaluru

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **State Bank of India, Channapatna Branch, Channaptna,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice against their names, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice,

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act, read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for an amount mentioned as follows and interest plus charges thereon, till the date of realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrowers	Date of Possession Notice and Amount and Demand notice Amount & Date.	Description of the Immovable Property
1.	**A/C No: CCR/ 64170872141 / DRS M/S: RAGHAVENDRA WINES, Prop: Smt. Anandamma** w/o Late Thammanna gowda Honganoor, Channapatna-562160, 1) No. 100, Mahadeshwara Nagar, Channapatna-562160, 2) Lalghatta village kasaba Hobli channapatana taluk. 562160, 3) Ammallidoddi Village Virupakshapura Hobli, Channapatna Taluk. **Guarantor: 1. Smt. T. Sushma** W/o V. Radhakrishna Mahadeshwara nagar sathnoor Road Channapatana 562160 and **2. Sri. Mutturaju T** S/o Late Thammanna gowda Mahadeshwara nagar sathnoor Road Channapatana 562160	**Date : 17.12.2020. Rs. 22,17,207/- as on 16.12.2020 and interest from 17.12.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 21,61,970/- Date. 09.10.2020**	**Property No. 1** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing E Katha No.152900103100601370 & Site no. 149/101, measuring East to West 12.192mtr. and North to Sout 6.4008mtr. situated at Lalghatta village Vandaraguppe panchayath Channapatana Tq. Ramanagara Dist. and bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No. 88, **North by:** Site No. 100, **South by:** Land of Sri. Thimmaiah **Property No. 2** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Kaneshumari No. 29/11, Property No.152900103000502815, measuring East to West 9.144mtr and North to South 12.192mtr Situated at mangalvarpet village Thittamaranahalli grama panchayath channapatana taluk Ramanagara Dist. and bounded on **East by:** Site no. 12, **West by:** CANAL Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site no. 10
2.	**A/C No : HBL/ 64213409812 / DRS SRI. RAJU** S/o Channegowda Thagachgere village kasaba hobli channapatna taluk-562160	**Date : 17.12.2020. Rs. 3,79,086/- as on 16.12.2020 and interest from 17.12.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 3,88,052/- Date. 12.10.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the residential property Khaneshumari NO. 546/9/1 & property NO 152900102901000849 E-W 12.192 mtr & N-S 18.288 mtr = 222.96 sq mtr Thagachgere village & grama pnchayath kasaba hobli channapatana taluk, and bounded on: **East by:** Land of Sri Shivannaa, **West by:** Land of smt susheelamma, **North by:** Remaining property of application, **South by:** Hittal of Smt Puttamma

Date : 17.12.2020
Place : Channapatna

Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA
B M Road, Channapatna Branch

Well-known businessman, philanthropist and educationist R N Shetty died early on Thursday in Bengaluru after a cardiac arrest. He was 92.

HC sets timeline to hold polls to urban bodies

Elections of three municipal corporations are due

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THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday set a timeline for holding elections to Urban Local Bodies. It issued notice to the state government and the State Election Commission (SEC) on a suo motu public interest litigation for not holding elections to 21 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) even after the expiry of the term. Observing that it is a shocking state of affairs, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty observed that there is a constitutional mandate to ensure local self-governance and elections are to be regularly held every five years.

The bench noted that the Supreme Court held that elections should be held to the municipalities within the time as per the Article 243-U and under no circumstances they should be delayed. However, in various municipalities including BBMP, elections haven't been held. The elections of three corporations are due and similarly elections are not held to 10 city municipal councils, six town municipal councils and two town panchayats, after the expiry of the term, the bench said. It said that with regard to BBMP, directions have already been issued on December 4, for holding elections in a time-bound schedule. As regards Belagavi, reservation notification has to be issued. The SEC stated that the electoral rolls for Belagavi City Corporation are ready.

"We, therefore, direct the state government to complete the exercise of reservation and publish the notification of reservation within two months from today. The SEC should issue a calendar of events within 45 days from the date of reservation notification," it ordered. The court also set a schedule for polls to Kalaburagi City Corporation, Ballari City Corporation and Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation.

IN THE HC

'Await orders on caste bodies'

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THE Karnataka State Backward Castes Federation approached the Karnataka High Court, questioning the legality and validity of the policies and actions of the State government in establishing, administering and financing boards and corporations for the benefit of individual castes, communities or religion.

Hearing the public interest litigation questioning the constitution of Maratha Development Corporation, Karnataka Veerashaiva Lingayat Development Corporation, Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board and Aryavysya Development Corporation, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty issued notice to the State government and said that all further steps on the said Boards and Corporations will be subject to orders to be passed by court.

A similar order was passed on a PIL questioning the establishment of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Development Corporation.

The petitioner sought directions from court to prohibit permanently unconstitutional establishments in the state. The State government is promoting caste organisations in favour of the most advanced and powerful castes of Karnataka, without sanction of law and as an affront to all constitutional values, secularism, equality and non-discrimination, the petitioner claimed. Aiming to win the bypolls in Sira, Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency, Basavakalyan and Maski assembly constituencies, the State government is announcing boards and corporations,and the government's action is illegal and unconstitutional, the petitioner added.

Citizens question BDA law

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THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday issued notice to the state government and Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) on public interest litigation filed by some citizens questioning the BDA (Amendment) Act, 2020.

The petitioners Vijayan Menon and four others have stated that the BDA Amendment Act was brought to legalise the illegal occupation and construction on land owned by the BDA. It is like the Akrama-Sakrama scheme, and is prima facie in violation of Articles 14, 21 and 243ZE of the Constitution, they alleged.

The petitioners contended that the implementation of the BDA Amendment Act will render infructuous the Akrama-Sakrama Scheme which is pending before the Supreme Court. The amendment Act detrimentally affects the residents of Bengaluru as it incentivises land-grabers to illegally occupy government land which can later be legalised and regularised as a result of the amendment. They have also contended that the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Amendment Act will allow an increase in the floor area ratio for buildings by mere payment of premium charges to the government. The Akrama-Sakrama scheme, which has been stayed by the SC, had sought to regularise illegal constructions, particularly those wherein constructions had taken place over and above the permissible floor area ratio.

MURDER MOST FOUL

12-YR BOY KILLED IN GHASTLY ATTACK

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AN unidentified assailant attacked a woman and her son in the wee hours of Thursday, murdering the 12-year-old boy, while his mother sustained serious injuries.

The deceased has been identified as Raju, while his mother Hanumanthamma is being treated at a hospital.

Police said that Hanumanthamma and her husband Basavaraju worked as labourers at a construction site in Jnanaganga Nagar. The family living in a shed at the same location. The incident occurred at around 2 am on Thursday, and the police were alerted by a neighbour, who heard a commotion.

"When the police reached the scene, both mother and son were found to be unconscious and were immediately rushed to a hospital. The boy, however, was declared brought dead. Meanwhile, Hanumanthamma has received serious injuries and is under treatment, but her condition is said to be out of danger. The assailant smashed the head of the boy with a cement brick, which he also used to attack the woman," police said.

"The family hails from Ballari. Basavaraju had gone to his hometown when the incident took place. We have definite clues about the accused and he will be nabbed soon. The motive will be known only after an arrest," Jnanabharathi police added.

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>
> Jnanabharathi police

HONOURING THE BRAVES

Artist Paramesh Jolad in a PPE suit hands postcards to passersby outside the High Court in Bengaluru on Thursday, to pen notes thanking corona warriors. His aim is to collect 500 thank-you notes and mail them to the PM | MEGHANA SASTRY

K'taka, British Council ink edu pact

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AN MoU between Karnataka and the British Council for a bilateral partnership to strengthen education and research exchange was signed on Thursday by Prof Gopalkrishna Joshi, Executive Director, Karnataka State Higher Education Council for the State Government and Barbara Wickham, Country Director, British Council India.

The MoU aims at stimulating and facilitating the development of collaborative and mutually beneficial programmes between the UK and Karnataka, in line with the Centre's National Education Policy. The two entities have agreed to work towards organising stakeholder meetings with eminent academicians, educational administrators, policymakers and regulatory bodies of India and the UK to facilitate transfer of ideas and suggest a suitable road map for further planning of educational programmes.

Addressing the event, CM B S Yediyurappa said the two governments are signing a first-of-its-kind three-year MoU involving collaboration on leadership development in higher education institutions. Karnataka's Global Innovation Alliance (GIA) initiative for innovation partnerships with countries across the globe has contributed to the state's global image as the leading tech hub.

Barbara Wickham said the MoU is a further step in realising the mutual vision of a deep, strong India-UK education relationship while supporting the knowledge ambitions laid out in the NEP 2020.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said this collaboration with UK's higher education institutions was happening at an opportune time.

CRIME PATROL

COLOMBIAN HELD FOR SKIMMING BID

Bengaluru: A 34-year-old Colombian, who was allegedly moving around suspiciously near an ATM, was caught and thrashed by the public before being handed over to the police. The police seized a skimming device and arrested him. Police said that the accused, Christiano, was moving around suspiciously in front of an IDBI bank ATM in Gandhinagar, on Thursday. Bank staffers, who noticed him, asked him what he was doing there. Christiano suddenly began running, but was nabbed by the public. "People found a suspicious device in his possession. We have seized a skimming device and arrested him. Investigations revealed that he was arrested in a similar case by the East division police before and was released on bail. He is being grilled about his associates," Upparpet police, who have registered a case, added. **ENS**

COPS COLLECT ₹26L IN FINES

Bengaluru: The city traffic police who conducted an 'Operation Surprise Check' on Thursday, booked 5,672 cases, and collected over Rs 26 lakh in fines in two hours during non-peak hours. Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) BR Ravikanthegowda said that the special drive was conducted at 174 places, where generally there were no checks by traffic police. "As there was an increase in accidents in those places, a special drive was conducted." **ENS**

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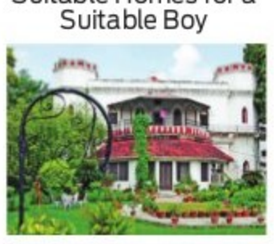

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Smt Munilakshmamma** W/o Late Siddesh, aged about 55 years, R/at. Chagalatti village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and another have filed the above petition for the death certificate of one **Late Siddesh** S/o. Late Venkatappa who was died on 04.08.2019 at her residence at. Chagalatti village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the **date of hearing on 04-01-2021 at 11.00 A.M. in C-Mis No. 253/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri K. MANJUNATH, Advocate

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This is to inform the General Public that, my Client **M/s J.M.J. charitable Education Society, having its office at 1st Cross, 1st Stage, Peenya, Bangalore.** has lost the original **General Power of Attorney dated: 29.05.2008, registered as Document No.CKB-4-00052/2008-09, stored in CD No. CKBD31 and registered Sale Deed dated: 11.06.2008, registered as Document No.CKB-1-00723/2008-09, stored in CD No.CKBD31 both are registered in the office of the Sub register, Chikka ballapura** with respect to property bearing Sy.No. 43/G, measuring 4 acres situated at Chidachikkana halli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluq and District on 14.12.2020 at Bangalore on transit and my client has lodged a Police Complaint on 14.12.2020 before the Crime Branch Bangalore City vide Lost Article Report No.162934/2020. If any person/s who finds it is requested to return the same to me below mentioned address.

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Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KUNDUKARA SAHEBAN KHUTEJA BANU**, resident of No. 28, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, 16th Main Road, Near Nandini Milk Booth, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage (EWS), Bangalore - 560 076, have changed my name from **MOHAMMED KHUTEJA BANU TAJ** to **KUNDUKARA SAHEBAN KHUTEJA BANU** vide affidavit dated 17.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore.

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Annual General Body Meeting Notice & Invitation

The Annual General Body Meeting of our Society will be on Sunday, 20th December 2020, at Bangalore Shri Kashi Math, Shri Kashi Math Road (19th Cross), 8th Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore- 560 055 at 11 A.M. All the respected members of the Society are invited to attend the Meeting.

The Printed copies of the Invitation for said meeting, has been already dispatched by Post. This is an official invitation to all the members, specially, those who have not received the said Annual Report and Invitation by post.

By the Order of the Board of Directors,
(Shankar Shenoy A)
Chief Executive Officer

Date:28.11.2020
Place: Bangalore.

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IMA scam: 55,000 claim applications reach authority

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE Competent Authority (CA) in the I Monetary Advisory (IMA) cases has till date received 55,000 claim applications. The Authority, which started accepting claims from November 25, will accept them till December 24. In its status report dated December 7 submitted to the High Court, the CA enumerated the various methods they had used to reach out to the aggrieved depositors to file their claim applications. From sending SMSes to registered mobile phone numbers of 71, 418 depositors to individual letters posted to 76, 587 and door delivery to bedridden people at an additional cost of Rs 130 each, the CA said it had made all efforts to ensure that claimants filed their applications before the December 24 deadline.

"We have provided facilities to file claims over the phone for depositors whose IMA-linked bank accounts are operational. The software is very user friendly. While it interfaces with five databases such as Aadhaar, PAN, IMA records and mobile phones to confirm the identity of the depositor, it hardly takes five minutes for them to file their claim application using the software," said Special Officer and CA, IMA, Harsh Gupta.

"We have already received 55,000 claim applications, which are around 75 per cent of the claimants," he added.

The online claims can be received at BangaloreOne, KarnatakaOne, Atal Janasnehi Kendras and Common Service Centres. "The call centre with the number bearing 080-46885959 has received 30,378 calls from the IMA depositors. We also have a dedicated WhatsApp number 7975568880 for the claimants," said Gupta.

In the status report to the court on action taken, the CA has stated that he has written to the government for taking supplementary evidence, if any from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), regarding the role of R Roshan Baig as a promoter and thus the beneficiary from the business activities of the IMA group.

The Kerala High Court on Thursday dismissed a petition filed by C M Raveendran, additional private secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, challenging the summons issued by the ED in connection with the ongoing probe into the money-laundering case

Court permits release of Sasi's nephew after paying fine

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EXPELLED AIADMK leader **V K Sasikala**'s nephew V N Sudhakaran, who was given a four-year jail term in a disproportionate assets case, maybe released anytime soon after paying the fine amount, as he has completed the jail term.

His advocates had filed a petition before a city court seeking his early release on the grounds that he had already completed the jail term. His advocates submitted to the court that their client (Sudhakaran) had not availed parole during the jail term. Besides, they furnished documents to the court about Sudhakaran spending seven days in jail in 1997, 92 days in 2001 when the case was still under trial, and 24 days in Bengaluru Central Prison after a special court convicted him in the case.

They informed the court that his term had exceeded by more than four months, besides serving a jail term since February 15, 2017.

The court, on Thursday, instructed them to pay Rs 10,00,10,000 fine imposed by the court and directed the prison authorities to release him soon after they complete the formalities.

It is learnt that Sudhakaran's counsels have made arrangements to submit demand drafts to the court in the first half of next week, facilitating his early release. It may be recalled that the advocates of Sasikala and Elavarasi had paid the fine amount in November and they are slated for release in January.

Party workers celebrate the victory of the LDF in the local body polls in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday | VINCENT PULICKAL

CRACKS SHOW IN UDF AFTER LOCAL BODY POLLS

Cong leaders squabble over the reasons for the poor performance

ARUN M @Kochi

THE humiliating defeat in the local body elections has triggered a churning within the UDF over the failure of the leadership. The Congress leadership finds itself caught in an unsavoury spectacle of party leaders squabbling over the reasons for the poor performance. Despite the LDF government being mired in controversies ranging from gold smuggling to corruption, the UDF has failed to take advantage of the situation, say senior leaders.

Meanwhile, the clamour for a leadership change has got louder within the Congress with veterans like K Sudhakaran and Rajmohan Unnithan demanding a complete overhaul.

"The party cannot survive without a strategy and a vibrant leadership. We have to find an effective and energetic leadership. The party is in a crisis and we will not be able to tide over with this jumbo committee. I will convey my opinion to Rahul Gandhi and national leaders. It's time for a rethink on the leadership," said KPCC working president Sudhakaran.

Veteran leader P J Kurien said the party has been granting posts based on group equations and not on merit, which has distanced the minorities. "Though Congress is not a cadre-based party, it drew its strength from the committees at the grass-root level. However, there are no such committees now and this has weakened the party and severed the people connect. This disconnect with the people led to the poll debacle. The leadership has failed to exploit the favourable political atmosphere and turn the tide in our favour," he said.

Rajmohan Unnithan, MP, said the leadership only wanted sycophants and he will speak out the truth even if the party expels him. Senior leaders and MPs K Muraleedharan, Adoor Prakash and M K Raghavan have also aired their dissent.

Meanwhile, Muslim League senior leaders P K Kunhalikutty and M K Muneer have blamed the Congress for the poll debacle. "The public squabbling of Congress leaders has tarnished the image of the UDF," said Kunhalikutty.

> *The party cannot survive without a strategy and a vibrant leadership. We have to find an effective and energetic leadership*
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> *- K Sudhakaran, KPCC working president*

BJP starts soul searching post polls

Kochi: A day after an underwhelming performance in the local body election, the BJP has gone into serious soul-searching to chart a new course of action before the assembly polls. Though the saffron party improved its winning tally from 1,205 seats in 2015 to 1,596 seats this time, BJP is miffed at the poor show put up by NDA allies in the state. In fact, not a single ally could win more than a seat in the state. Both Bharat Dharma Jana Sena (BDJS), one of the main allies, and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) managed to win only a seat each. It was with much expectation that the BJP roped in BDJS as an ally in 2016 assembly polls, but the political calculations have failed to yield any desired result so far. Leaders now admit that the absence of a formidable ally is hurting the BJP's prospects in the state. ENS

Allies, own leaders flay Congress leadership

T'Puram: The KPCC leadership is feeling the heat from all corners following the UDF's debacle in the local body elections with even allies not sparing them. IUML, RSP and the P J Joseph faction of the Kerala Congress first expressed displeasure against the Congress state leadership. Meanwhile, displeased with its leaders washing dirty linen in public through the press, the AICC has come out with a gag order against them. IUML national general secretary P K Kunhalikutty, RSP's Shibu Baby John and KC(M) Joseph faction leader K J Joseph had spoken against the the factional politics within Congress. Though Kunhalikutty has not blamed any leader directly, his message was clear: That the Congress should first set its house in order. ENS

WISTRON VIOLENCE

'Officials did not bring up any issues'

V VELAYUDHAM @Kolar

EVEN though Wistron Corporation officials are a part of a WhatsApp group called Kolar District Industries' Group, created by senior officials of the Kolar district industries department to care for all the industries in the district, the corporation did not post any message on the group regarding any issues relating to the company. "If the officials had done so, it would have helped to resolve any issues," said an officer on condition of anonymity.

The group, which comprises all senior officials in the district, allows the participants to air their grievances so that the Deputy Commissioner can look into them and come up with a solution. It was formed after the Covid-19 outbreak.

The officer said that recently, a small industry in Malur spoken on the group regarding a power and water crisis. "Almost immediately, Deputy Commissioner Sathyabhama instructed officials to look into it. The officer said that the group was meant to to safeguard the interests of all industries across the district.

The officer also made it clear that the incident was sporadic but it was too early to come to a conclusion as a detailed inquiry was necessary.

A vehicle was burnt in the Wistron plant violence in Kolar recently | EXPRESS

NO FRESH ARRESTS YET, SAYS POLICE

Kolar: So far, there have been no fresh arrests made in connection with the violence that broke out at the Wistron iPhone factory in Kolar recently, said a senior police officer. He said that certain media outlets were reporting that a person, who was part of an organisation, had been arrested which was false. "Based on the probe and CCTV footage, only the workers involved in the violence have been arrested so far," he said. As per sources, police are collecting information from all angles. ENS

EXPRESS READ

SWR extends services of festival trains

Bengaluru: The South Western Railway Zone has extended the services of 80 festival special express/superfast trains and 24 passenger specials due to Christmas, New Year and Makara Sankranti. As per a release, 80 festival trains, including the Mysuru-KSR Bengaluru-Mysuru Superfast Express, have been extended up to February 3, 2021. A total of 22 passenger specials, including Yesvantpur-Hassan, Hubballi-Bellari, KSR Bengaluru-Mariukuppam and the trains in the return direction have been extended up to January 15, 2021. The Chamrajanagar-Mysuru passenger has been extended up to January 17 while the Solapur-Hubballi train has been extended up to January 16. ENS

OBITUARY

PHILANTHROPIST, BUILDER R N SHETTY DIES AT 92

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Karwar

WELL-known businessman, philanthropist and educationist R N Shetty died early on Thursday in Bengaluru after a cardiac arrest. He was 92.

Shetty came a long way from humble beginnings. Born in a agricultural family on August 15, 1928 in Murudeshwar of Bhatkal taluk in Uttara Kannada district, he began his journey as a businessman at an early age.

He floated a construction firm in 1961 and executed several mega projects.

He ventured into the power sector by setting up the Varahi Hydel Power Project and went on to execute the Hidkal Dam, Supa Reservoir and the Gerusoppa Hydel Power Reservoir projects.

His company also constructed the KLE Hospital and Research Centre in Belagavi, the massive RNS Hospital at Murudeshwar, tunnels for the Konkan Railway project and bagged several other works including the construction of national highways.

R N SHETTY (1928-2020)

He also ventured into the hospitality sector by constructing several hotels, including the RNS Residency in Murudeshwar, and was instrumental in setting up several educational institution.

Shetty is credited with transforming the tiny town of Murudeshwar into a major tourist attraction.

The village had an ancient Murudeshwar temple, the deity of which is said to be one of the five parts of the Atma Linga which broke when Lord Ganesh tricked Ravana into handing it over to him while performing the 'Sandhyavandana' ritual.

The temple was renovated in recent years. A 237.5-foot tall Raja Gopura, with 20 storeys, was constructed by Shetty and inaugurated in April 2008.

The gopura is considered the tallest among Hindu temples in the world. A 123-foot statue of Lord Shiva, touted as the tallest in the world, is a major tourist draw.

Shetty had funded several organisations for the education of rural students in Uttara Kannada district.

He had donated Rs 2.4 crore to the PM Cares Fund and Rs 1.03 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

SUITED UP

As part of a campaign, a retailer designs a suit made of face masks, in Hyderbad on Thursday | VINAY MADAPU

No reason for daughter to take step: DySP's dad

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HOWEVER, Lakshmi's father Venkatesh, a retired KAS officer, said everything was fine with his daughter and that there was no reason for her to take the extreme step. Speaking to reporters at the mortuary where the autopsy was conducted on Thursday, Venkatesh said, "I had not spoken to her in the last 15 days. But she had not shared about anything that could driven a person to depression or suicide. I suspect foul play in her death and I have filed a complaint against her friends."

He, however, added that there were marital disputes. Lakshmi and Naveen, who had fallen in love while studying engineering in a private college in Banashankari, had got married about eight years ago. Naveen works with a private company in Hyderabad and was living there.

Based on Venkatesh's complaint, the Annapoorneshwari Nagar police have registered a case of suspicious death. "Manu, Rahul, Prajwal, and one more person, who were present in the house when the incident occurred, have been detained and are being questioned," an official said.

Hailing from Malur taluk in Kolar district, Lakshmi had cleared the KPSC exams in 2014 and was appointed as DySP in 2017 with her posting at the CID. Sources in the CID said that Lakshmi was trying for an executive posting, but it had not materialised.

PSLV-C51 to carry 3 pvt satellites

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ISRO Chairman Dr K Sivan appreciated the tireless efforts of both the satellite and launch vehicle teams in realising this mission amidst the Cpandemic. This was ISRO's last mission in 2020.

Speaking about the upcoming PSLV-C51 mission, he said, "The mission will be the fruition of the space reforms recently introduced in the country."

It will carry three satellites built by private entities, Sivan added.

Satellite communication experts say the C-band microwave radio frequency is less susceptible to absorption of signals by atmospheric rain, snow or ice, and signal losses, which are especially prevalent at frequencies above 11 GHz, which is the Ku band.

The PSLV-C50 is the 52nd flight of PSLV and 22nd flight of PSLV in 'XL' configuration (with 6 strap-on motors), which was used to launch Chandrayaan-1 in October 2008. This was the 77th launch vehicle mission from SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota.

Kamal and his TV show ruining families, says EPS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Ariyalur/Perambalur

ACTOR Kamal Haasan is ruining families with his television shows and movies, said Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami while launching a strong attack against the founder of the Makkal Needhi Maiam for criticising his government. "Actor Kamal Haasan, who anchors Big Boss, is unfit for politics," Palaniswami said while speaking in Ariyalur.

"If you take MGR for instance, there were good messages in his movies and songs," Palaniswami said, while recalling the film career of AIADMK founder MG Ramachandran. "But, that is not the case with Kamal. His films and programmes are polluting families." Later, speaking in Perambalur, Palaniswami alleged that Kamal was trying to garner votes in the name of MGR.

HELPING FARMERS

Khadi Commission to launch cow dung-based paint

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UNION MINISTER of State of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and MSME Pratap Sarangi on Thursday said that the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) will soon be launching 'Vedic Paint' made out of cow dung.

Sarangi informed about the development shortly after his senior Cabinet colleague Nitin Gadkari announced about the upcoming product on his Twitter account.

"We are soon going to launch a 'Vedic Paint' made of cow dung through the KVIC. It will help in strengthening the village economy and provide additional income to the farmers. It will complement the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision of the Prime Minister," Sarangi tweeted in Odia.

He further said that the eco-friendly, non-toxic, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and washable paint would be available in distemper and emulsion. It will dry in just four hours. This venture will provide an additional income of up to ₹55,000 to the livestock farmers.

"I gracefully solicit the upward thinking of Cabinet Minister Shri @nitin_gadkari Ji for providing a boon to India. This eco-friendly product is the first of its kind in the world. Let's introduce Vedic Paint in the global market for value addition," Sarangi said in another tweet.

Cow dung plasters, a common practice in many homes in rural areas, is believed to be auspicious and have the best natural disinfectants for its antibacterial properties. Dried cow dung cakes are commonly used as cooking fuel in both rural and urban areas of the country.

A paper published by five students of Vellore Institute of Technology said that cow dung paint can improve air quality and reduces the need for air conditioning.

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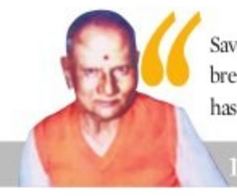

"Save your energies and time for breaking the wall your mind has built around you" — Nisargadatta Maharaj

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— Ramnath Goenka

LESSONS FROM THE KERALA LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

There are two significant takeaways from the ruling Left Front's victory in the Kerala local body elections. One, the corruption allegations and probe by multiple central agencies have not been able to cause any significant damage to either CM Pinarayi Vijayan's popularity or the Left's support base in the state. Two, the Congress-led UDF, which expectedly finished second, and the third-by-some-distance BJP don't seem to have answers for the Left's superior election strategies. The outcome has taken away a crucial weapon from their armoury—the scam taint on the Pinarayi government that they were hoping could be used to destroy the ruling combination electorally. What that means is that they have to now go back to the drawing board, ponder over the failures and devise strategies good enough to exploit the political situation to their advantage. And they need to do that quickly as the Assembly election is just months away.

If the Congress is finding itself ruing missed opportunities, it has only itself to blame. Infighting, lack of synergy among leaders, poor strategising and over-dependence on the rival's perceived political disadvantage contributed to its failure. Having botched the opportunity that presented itself on a platter, the party's state leadership has a lot to answer for, and a course-correction is in order. As for the BJP, the result did indicate an improved performance, but the gains made are too meagre to catapult it into the league of the big two. It needs to put its rift-ridden house in order and come up with a Kerala-specific strategy to become a credible political alternative that can win polls.

Having said that, the Assembly election will be a different proposition altogether. While a lot of very local factors came into play in the just-concluded election, they may have little relevance in the state polls. Yet, the victory has infused the Left with new confidence, and this could make a difference. The win has strengthened the CM's hand. Not only are his chances of securing an unprecedented second consecutive term brighter, the result will also help him quell any challenge to his leadership from within the party. The Left will, however, have to watch out for signs of overconfidence and resultant complacency, which could hurt it.

CLIMATE CHANGE & THE DEVELOPMENT DILEMMA

India has slipped two more ranks on the Human Development Index, shows a fresh report released by the United Nations Development Programme. The ranking is for the year 2019, and hence does not take into account the situation after the pandemic. As per the data, our per capita income fell marginally from $6,829 in 2018 to $6,681 in 2019. This has been attributed to several factors. One of those factors that stands out is climate change. Frequent natural disasters—such as cyclonic activity, urban flooding and droughts—have caused severe economic losses across the world. In peninsular India, the agricultural sector, public infrastructure and industries such as fisheries and tourism have taken multiple hits due to such disasters.

Globally speaking, these disasters and changes in climatic patterns have increased migration and thereby widened the income gap. As per the UN agency's estimates, Africa is expected to experience a 10% decline in rainfall by 2050, triggering a massive migration of people to other places. "New displacements in 2017 were 12 times larger than the previous year, reaching 8,99,000 people, and a million people were displaced in 2018 and in 2019," notes the report. Close to 14 million people are expected to be displaced globally every year, says the report, and the highest displacement will be witnessed in the South Asia region. The single-biggest cause for the displacement would be flooding.

This will result in a vicious cycle, experts say. More flooding will cause more migration. More migration will put more pressure on cities and urban agglomerations. More pressure will, in turn, result in more flooding in urban areas. This, coupled with stress on limited public infrastructure in countries like India, will result in higher levels of inequity in cities. The crisis can be averted only if governments are able to plug the migration by ensuring development in rural areas and hinterlands. Access to quality education and healthcare, equitable public infrastructure and community participation must be considered while framing public policies to ensure that such a crisis is averted.

The Modi government has become habituated to riding out criticism without bending. But to be quake-proof, tall buildings need to bend and sway

21 ISN'T 91: WE MUST REFORM OUR REFORMS

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AMIT BANDRE

Dead centre of a long cold winter, and there seems little chance of a year-end tonic for the spirits. If the sun plays truant even in otherwise balmy Bangalore, you can imagine New Delhi from afar—all shrouded in a spiritual smog. Who can blame our parliamentarians for feeling the chill just in anticipation! The average age of all the gallants in the Lok Sabha is around 54, and the grey eminences of Rajya Sabha round off to a genteel 62. Like clever schoolboys who wish to play truant, they are citing good reasons to skip the entire Winter Session. You can't argue against Covid-19, can you? Of course, they never much complain about elections—the occasional private grumble about sore throats aside. Maybe the presiding officers could have considered an open-air session, gram sabha style, to get the juices flowing.

The real people's parliament is elsewhere, though. The Delhi borders are the new central vista. And they will neither defer nor cancel the congregation ... or shall we say, revolution? Punjab's farmers do bring an extra bit of ingenuity into life in the bush. Desi geyser, cheap front-loading washing machine, pizza langar, warm water, all-weather tents ... looking at their knack for solutions, one cannot help think farming and agriculture better be left to them than be subjected to our government's grand ideas of reform. What's also clear is that they've dug in their heels—a few old protesters have died on the battlefield, a priest has taken his own life in solidarity. These sites are full-fledged mobile townships of dissent. A siege from the heartland's soil itself.

The Supreme Court's intervention on one front—through the humble expedient of a committee—does not evoke much confidence. What can a committee do when the worldviews are so starkly opposite? The government has decided it knows best. The farmers are adamant they know better. Where's the meeting point? Unless one side decides to take a step back, or aside, or forward across the trenches to the other side.

Will it finally be the government? It's an interesting test of initiative for the Narendra Modi regime. Early in its first stint, it had exhibited some sensitivity to criticism and enough suppleness to respond—the Land Acquisition Act was the bone of contention then. Since those early days, an inflexible air has attended all its big decisions. And since many of those were crafted with an explicitly epoch-breaking ambition, the Modi government has become habituated to riding out criticism without bending. But to be quake-proof, tall buildings need to bend and sway.

Narendra Singh Tomar can at least thank the protesting farmers for making him famous. Before this protest broke, our self-absorbed citizenry had to google to find who the Union agriculture minister is. Well, Congress spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala claimed in an interview that Tomar has never tilled the land, so can't comprehend the angst of those whose life depends on it. The RSS-affiliated Bharatiya Kisan Sangh, whose 'moral support' is with the protesting farmers, is more charitable. "Tomar's a good man," they say. "He understands the plight of the farmers, he had agreed with all the points we made before these three Bills were passed. But senior officials have made him understand otherwise." The BKS claims both the PM and Tomar are being led up the garden path by "bureaucrats with a vested interest".

> Seen in totality, the '90s idea of blanket reforms itself underwent a reform in the light of experience. As it should have. Let's not delude ourselves. Even now, India hugs the bottom ranks in malnourishment and poverty is still a stark reality. Can the state really withdraw from its legal commitment to procure and distribute? Can that basic duty be outsourced to market forces?

The Supreme Court's latest intervention—putting a bar on the implementation of the laws, but without a formal stay—frames a classic impasse. As things stand, the legislature has abdicated on its onus to create a middle path through open debate and discourse; and the executive went for maximum, instead of incrementalising whatever reforms were necessary by common consensus. If Finance Ministry mandarins are to be believed, there's no money to procure grains or pay MSP ad infinitum. The Food Corporation of India's debt stands at ₹2.65 lakh crore—a 190% increase since 2014. The market prophets are inclined to say it's another 1991 moment: reform or perish. But alas, there's no canny Narasimha Rao to manufacture political consent or sell reforms through tact and consensus. And just to think that was a minority government supported by the Left, when it was still a force to reckon with.

The BJP certainly has fire in the belly, and ideologically motivated legions who win them elections. But it still seems to lack tact and finesse, or that well-honed parliamentary and legislative savoir faire of the Congress—its ability to pull off difficult, contentious, even epochal changes without the world and its uncle crying foul, or life on the streets getting disrupted. And when it did, to at least seem to respond and strike a balance. Just contesting elections successfully does not make you democratic. The first step in carrying through reform is to take on board the stakeholders, and fine-tune yourself in light of their experience.

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WHY SMALL BUSINESSES NEED TO EMBRACE DIGITAL

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This year witnessed the worst global crisis of the new millennium, leaving the world gasping and forcing restructuring of the international economic order. The emergence of Covid-19 also affected the small businesses, or Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), across the globe, forcing them to handle multiple challenges like inadequate cash flows and disrupted supply chains at the same time. It is important for Indian MSMEs to quickly recover from the losses, address cash flows and labour-related challenges to compete both at the domestic and international level, and for some to even survive.

It is a well-known fact that leveraging technology is the only sustainable solution for MSMEs, as it improves all aspects of their business including engagement with stakeholders, customer relations, operations, financial management, marketing, supply chain management, product innovation, skill development, employee engagement and other areas.

The current business landscape across the globe is being led by digital technologies that are transforming the way systems and processes work. While interacting with many MSMEs, we at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) realised that enterprises are finding themselves at different stages of the digital curve and are being forced to rethink their processes and systems as they adapt to these technological changes.

In fact, it wouldn't be incorrect to say that unless companies adopt digitisation now, they will never be able to gain a competitive advantage. Adoption of the digital is critical for them to drive business efficiency. Today, it has become a necessity to be digitally enabled to sustain the businesses.

But as MSMEs navigate their way through digital adoption, they face multiple challenges, ranging from limited budgets to a lack of know-how and expertise required in the adoption of digital technologies, security and trust issues. They need to become digitally trained rather than outsourcing the digitisation work.

This calls for a high alert shift to the 'new digital normal', exacerbating the urgency for MSMEs to have access to skills and solutions that lead to business growth. MSMEs need to be better integrated into the digital economy to expand their market access, diversify their customer base and solidify their supply chain. Therefore, it is time to take a leap towards starting the digital movement; let's become 'Digital Saksham'!

The integration of MSMEs into the digital economy can begin with digital and financial education leading to improved business practices and digital acceptance.

An initiative being led by the CII and supported by Mastercard's Centre for Inclusive Growth and in partnership with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises' National Institute for MSMEs (ni-msme), Digital Saksham embarks on the beginning of a digital adoption movement.

The goal is to strengthen over three lakh MSMEs through digital adoption, improved business skills and financial inclusion, thus strengthening their competitiveness through digital know-how and acceptance.

> Digital Saksham, an initiative led by the CII and supported by Mastercard and the government's National Institute for MSMEs, aims to strengthen over three lakh small businesses through digital adoption, improved business skills and financial inclusion. Unless companies adopt digitisation now, they will never be able to gain a competitive advantage

The three important contours of the project will include: (i) driving awareness on the benefits of digital commerce, (ii) building skills and capacities of MSMEs on various tools to help them in digital commerce, which can enable them to accept digital payments, establish an online presence as well as drive efficiencies in operations and (iii) accelerating the adoption of these digital tools.

The programme will leverage Mastercard's strengths to create new models of cross-sector collaboration through research and build actionable insights for business and markets; run programmes to enable entrepreneurs and workers to grow, thrive and succeed in the new economy; unlock the power of data to reduce information inequality and engage with the community of leaders to promote and adopt evidence-based solutions. Mastercard will also provide financial education curriculums for the CII to build on and share learnings from around the world that will support the implementation approach.

There is a high demand for digital and cognitive skills, and MSMEs need to react quickly by becoming digitally enabled (Digital Saksham). The scope of this project is to expand training to the rural and peri-urban areas of the country by targeting the key supply chains and using a cluster approach to deploy relevant digital know-how to the last-mile entrepreneurs through a combination of in-person and digital channels. This touch-tech approach will create more opportunities for skill building among entrepreneurs in rural parts of the country.

In partnership with the Government of India and to further leverage the related initiatives to maximise reach and impact, the Digital Saksham programme will work towards driving systemic transformation and help in achieving two of the Centre's goals: (i) Modernise MSMEs to take their overall revenues to 50% of GDP and create 150 million jobs (ii) Digital India: Enable 45 billion digital transactions by 2020.

The movement that we are beginning today would need support from many stakeholders of the industry. We are certain that the industry and the Indian economy along with MSMEs would reap the benefits of this upcoming digital infrastructure that will have positive ripple effects on the nation's GDP and the creation of more jobs.

My call to every entrepreneur reading this is to join the digital adoption movement and ensure your firm doesn't lose the race to competitiveness.

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UDF's turn to taste defeat

The headline *'Nothing Left to say'* (Dec 17) imaginatively summed up the local body election results in Kerala. It is the ingrained habit of parties to gloat over poll results when they win and not accept defeat when they lose. While the LDF wished away its rout in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, it is now the UDF's turn to do so as it lost heavily in the local body elections.
CG Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Cong needs strong leaders

The LDF won in the local body polls even though the opposition parties including the Congress mounted a strong campaign. The grand old party is becoming weaker and weaker by the day. The Congress needs a strong leadership to emerge victorious in the future.
TR Krishnachandran, Thrissur

Learn from Twenty20's wins

The victory of the 'apolitical' outfit Twenty20 in four grama panchayats indicates the rise of a fourth front in Kerala. This result is a wake-up call for other political parties. The voters want a party that is free from the taint of corruption, not left- and right-wings.
Amal Thomas, Kerala

Analysts get it wrong

It has been shown once again that voters are capable of taking their own decisions unaffected by the lengthy deliberations on news channels and the opinions of political analysts. In the good old newspaper age, the correspondents lived among the people and they could articulate the public opinion well. Now the situation is totally different as shown by the present election.
PG Moorthy, Thiruvananthapuram

China boycott welcome

The move to improve indigenous manufacturing capacity as well as block Chinese firms is welcome (*List of trusted telecom sources to be out soon, blocking Chinese firms*, Dec 17). Such steps to boycott Chinese equipment and goods are the need of the hour not only in telecom but also other sectors.
Narayani P, Mayiladuthurai

Hear out all farmers

This is with reference to *Need to find quick resolution to farmers' agitation* (Dec 17). The rich farmers from Punjab are becoming obstinate. While the SC's suggestion about forming a panel to discuss and resolve the issues is welcome, the group should not just include representatives of the protestors from Punjab but also have farmers who support the reforms.
Hemanth D Pai, Bengaluru

Religion and inner life

The article *What Karl Marx did say about religion* (Dec 17) is thought-provoking. But Marx seems to be unaware of some of the aspects of religion. As Swami Vivekananda pointed out, "The book from which to learn religion is your own mind and heart."
R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Discarding illusions

As Marx said, religion is like a chain of imaginary flowers man wears. Criticism empowers him to discard his illusions and regain his senses. We have long been witnessing numerous instances of violence and destruction in the name of religion. It has been seen that people who are exposed to other cultures and religions tend to become less prejudiced.
K Natarajan, Madurai

Will deter investors

The unprecedented violence in Wistron's iPhone manufacturing factory in Karnataka has come at a time when the state is trying to attract investments. The said company has suffered heavy losses running into crores due to the violence. Such incidents will deter prospective investors from choosing the state. A congenial atmosphere should be created to attract investment.
S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Gimmick with eye on polls

This is with reference to *Modi tugging at Tamil heartstrings* (Dec 15). The PM's love for the Tamil language in the recent past is a gimmick and an attempt to make gains in Tamil Nadu as Assembly polls are around the corner. The people of the state will not be deceived.
R Sivakumar, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
Is the farmer of this country stupid? Is the farmer of this country confused? Is the wisdom only within the Modi government and the ministers?

Amit Shah @ Amit Shah
I assure the farmer brothers that if anyone thinks about your interests and can fulfill the goal of doubling your income, then only the PM can

Harbhajan Mann @harbhajanmann
In the coldest days of the year, our farmers remain determined in their peaceful protest to attain justice.... Their voice will not be ignored.

TOMAR'S OPEN LETTER INVOKES 1962 DEBACLE

Agriculture minister tells farmers that supplies to Ladakh being hit by stir, reminds them of language used by 'conspirators' when India went to war with China

A farmer ties his turban before the start of a new day of agitation at Singhu border in Delhi on Thursday | SHEKHAR YADAV

If the government takes two steps back, the farmers will also retreat two steps. We don't have any fight with the government. We are just opposing its policies — Naresh Tikait, Bharatiya Kisan Union national president

Agriculture Minister has expressed his feelings by writing to the farmers, requesting for a polite dialogue. I request all Annadatas to read it. I also urge countrymen to spread it out — Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a clear message that the government was seeing the farmers' agitation as a political conspiracy, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar, in an open letter to the farmers on Thursday, hit out at the "conspirators speaking the language spoken in 1962".

Backing the agri reforms with full resolve, the minister, in his eight-page letter, elaborated on how the new laws will benefit the farmers and then went on to say that the supplies to the defence forces posted in Ladakh, who are battling extreme cold, had been affected because of the protests. The government has to airlift critical supplies to the troops locked in a standoff with China along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh at a heavy cost to the exchequer due to the road blockade, Tomar added.

"The intention of such people who are misguiding the farmers had been the same in 1962 when they were not with the country in the face of a war. Such people are speaking the language of 1962. The supplies to the forces in Leh and Ladakh are being reached through air cargos because of the protests.

Delhi police personnel keep a watch at an entry point in Singhu | SHEKHAR YADAV

The hard-earned money of the people is being spent on alternative mode of transport."

Questioning the motive of those fanning the protests, Tomar called upon the farmers to think over what was "now being spoken at the protest venue" and what the farmers had set out to achieve.

"It's our responsibility to dispel the misconceptions (about the farm laws). But the farmers need to be weary of the elements who don't wish their betterment. These people, in a bid to serve their vested political interests are stoking violence and anarchy by overt and covert means," Tomar wrote. Hiding behind the '*annadatas*' (farmers), such elements are attempting to exert pressure to release those accused of rioting and violence. He said the same elements had instigated campaigns in the name of students, Dalits and minorities since the NDA came to power in 2014.

When asked about their reaction, farmer leaders dismissed the claim that supplies to Ladakh were being hit.

Harinder Singh Lakhowal, general secretary of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Lakhowal) said, "We are just sitting on the highway and protesting...we are not blocking any supplies. As far as supply to the armed forces is concerned, we will make sure it takes place as we will guide it." There are no extremist elements in the protests, he said.

Agri laws not helping reform, say economists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A group of senior economists wrote to Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar supporting the farmers' demand of scrapping the agri laws.

While the experts agreed that "improvements and changes are required" in the agricultural marketing system, they wrote that the reforms brought by these Acts do not serve that purpose. Citing their long engagement with India's agricultural policy, the economists said the laws are based on wrong assumptions and claims about farmers not being able to get remunerative prices, not having the freedom to sell wherever they like and regulated markets not being in the cultivators' interests.

"A key problem with the Acts is the creation of a practically unregulated market in the trade area side-by-side with a regulated market in APMC market yards, subject to two different Acts, different regimes of market fees and different sets of rules. This is already causing the traders to move out of regulated markets into unregulated space," it said.

The signatories include D. Narasimha Reddy, Professor of Economics (Retd), University of Hyderabad; Kamal Nayan Kabra, Professor of Economics (Retd.), Indian Institute of Public Administration, among others.

On contract farming provision in the law, they said the issue of huge asymmetry between small farmers and companies is not addressed to provide adequate protection to the former's interests.

Elderly farmers bask in the sun as they take a break in Singhu | SHEKHAR YADAV

SC rejects contention that Delhi being choked by stir

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

RECOGNISING the fundamental rights of farmers to protest against the agri laws, the Supreme Court on Thursday said the goal of protest can only be achieved by talking. However, it brushed aside the petitioner's contention that the blockage of roads was leading to price rise in the national capital.

Senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for a Delhi resident, contended that the protesting farmers had put his client's right to move freely at risk and asked the court to lay down the contours of an agitation of this nature. He also said the Centre must seek a written assurance from the farmer leaders to make sure there was no damage to public or private property.

"A taxpayer's money is used to compensate those who suffer during these protests. The leaders of such protests must be made responsible," Salve argued.

The bench led by CJI S A Bobde-led, however, disagreed with the contention that the protests had choked Delhi, causing a hike in prices of essential commodities. "A protest has a goal and that cannot be achieved by sitting in protest. It can only be achieved if they sit and talk to each other," the CJI said. He, however, added, "It is not like that Delhi is being choked by their protests."

Senior advocate P. Chidambaram, appearing for Punjab, said, "Farmers have not blocked the roads. They wanted to march to Delhi. Who has stopped them and blocked them?" The CJI said whether they should be allowed into the city or not was a question best left to the police.

KEJRIWAL TEARS COPIES OF FARM LAWS IN HOUSE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DOING a Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday tore copies of the farm laws in Delhi Assembly, alleging that they had been brought in to ensure funding for the BJP.

During the one-day special assembly session, the Delhi government also passed a resolution rejecting the three laws and seeking their repeal. "These laws have not been made for the farmers but for BJP's electoral funding. The farmers have understood this, and the sooner the people understand it, the better it would be for everyone," said Kejriwal. "I am a citizen first, a CM later. This assembly rejects the three laws and appeals to the central government to meet the demands of farmers."

Questioning the hurry in passing the laws during Covid pandemic, Kejriwal appealed to the Centre "not to become worst than Britishers" before he ripped the copies of the legislations. "I am pained that I have to do this...but I cannot betray the farmers who have been sleeping on the streets in the cold when the temperature is just 2 degrees Celsius."

Sonia to meet Congress dissenters on Saturday

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

CONGRESS chief **Sonia Gandhi** on Saturday is scheduled to meet a group of 23 senior leaders who wrote to her in August urging for organizational elections and addressing leadership issues.

Sonia will meet a small group led by party veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad around 10 am on Saturday, said party sources, adding that Rahul Gandhi is also expected to be part of the meeting.

Coming ahead of an AICC session to elect a new party president, the meeting was arranged by senior leader Kamal Nath after he met the rebels and Sonia. "Kamal Nath will also be part of the meeting and other key Congress functionaries have not been invited as she (Sonia) wanted to meet them (letter writers) separately," the source said.

The meeting holds importance in backdrop of the party facing setback in recently Assembly lection in Bihar, and by polls and local elections in Goa, Assam, Telangana and Kerala.

Senior leaders Anand Sharma, Mukul Wasnik, Kapil Sibal, M Veerappa Moily, Manish Tewari and Shashi Tharoor among others had sought meeting with Sonia before they shot off a letter to her. The Congress chief could not meet them due to ill health.

But the situation flared up after the contents of the letter were leaked with many of their colleagues seeking strict action against the group. Sonia had called for election of a new president within six months.

While several party leaders feel Rahul should take charge, a party insider said he is "not willing".

The group in their letter had also called for the Congress Working Committee (CWC) elections. In September, Sonia reconstituted the CWC, the party's highest decision making body, and also carried out a major organisational reshuffle.

Covid shots should work for multiple strains: Study

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

UNDERLINING that Coronavirus has the potential to evade natural as well as vaccine-induced immunity, a research has suggested that only those vaccines which are able to provide protection against multiple variants of the virus can bring the pandemic to an end.

Researchers associated with the University of Pennsylvania have concluded that SARS-CoV-2 with mutated forms of the spike protein may retain the ability to bind ACE2 while evading recognition by antibodies that arise in response to the original wild-type form of the spike protein. It seems likely that immune evasion will be possible regardless of whether the spike protein was encountered in the form of infectious virus, or as the immunogen in a vaccine.

"Therefore, it also seems likely that reinfection with a variant strain of SARS-CoV-2 may occur among people who recover from Covid-19, and that vaccines with the ability to generate antibodies against multiple variant forms of the spike protein will be necessary to protect against variant forms of SARS-CoV-2 that are already circulating in the human population," they have said in a scientific paper.

Vaccines have been designed keeping various variants in mind but there is also a group of clinicians and virologists who believes that those once exposed to the virus may have a lasting immunity against it and may not need vaccination.

But the researchers stressed that mutated forms of coronavirus may be able to reinfect people who have recovered from an earlier infection. The paper said vaccines containing only one variant of the spike protein as an immunogen may induce little or no protection against variant strains that are already circulating among human populations.

An inability to protect against variant strains may severely limit the strategic benefit of vaccines containing only the original strain, it said adding that to have long-term efficacy, it may be necessary for vaccines to include multiple variants of the spike protein as immunogens.

MoD sanctions defence acquisitions worth ₹28K cr, indigenous firms get lion's share

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Thursday approved proposals worth ₹28,000 crore of which only a nominal purchase will be done from abroad in line with the government's support to indigenous firms.

The approved proposals include weapons, platforms, equipment and systems required by the three armed forces. The acquisition proposals approved included Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels for the Navy.

"Six of the seven proposals, that is, ₹27,000 crore out of ₹28,000 crore for which Acceptance of Necessity (AoNs) were granted will be sourced from the Indian industry to give a boost to the Make in India and the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives of the government," the Defence Ministry said in a release.

This was the first meeting of the Council under the new regime of Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020.

"Five cases valued at ₹25,000 crore are approved under indigenous design development and manufacture (IDDM) category. Particularly noteworthy are the @DRDO_India designed and developed AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning & Control) systems for air force and modular bridges for army," the Ministry tweeted.

'Talking with Chinese officials for vessels stranded on sea'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INDIA is in touch with Chinese authorities to seek a resolution of the sailors stranded in Chinese waters, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Thursday.

MV Jag Anand, a bulk cargo vessel, is on anchorage near Jingtang port in Hebei province of China since June 13 with 23 Indian nationals as crew on board. Another vessel, MV Anastasia, which has 16 Indian nationals as its crew, is on anchorage near Caofeidian port in China since September 20 waiting for discharge of its cargo.

"The Chinese authorities have conveyed that on account of various COVID-19 related restrictions imposed by the local authorities, crew change is not being permitted from these ports. The owners of these shipping companies as well as the receivers of the cargo have been made aware of the reasons for delay in unloading of the cargo," said MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava. "The government continues to be in regular touch with Chinese authorities to seek a resolution of these issues at the earliest."

Javadekar hits out at Rahul for walkout, Amarinder questions panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi/Chandigarh

UNION Minister Prakash Javadekar claimed former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi had been staying away from the meetings of Parliamentary panel on defence in which agenda for deliberations is agreed upon by the members.

But, Punjab CM Amarinder Singh came out strongly in support of Rahul as he urged the Lok Sabha Speaker to look into the "absurd" working of the committee.

Javadekar said Rahul is "ignorant" of the Parliamentary norms, adding that the panel meeting is not a venue for protest. "He hasn't attended 12 of the last 14 meeting of the Parliamentary standing committee, including the one called for deciding the agenda. The panel meeting isn't a venue for protest. The deliberations of the meetings are also not reported outside," the minister said.

The Congress leader had walked out of the panel meeting on Wednesday, alleging that the standing committee wasn't taking up important issues concerning the defence. The defence panel had taken up the issue of uniforms for the deliberations on Wednesday.

Rahul in the past had shown contempt for Constitutional institutions, besides tearing apart a Cabinet decision of the UPA government, Javadekar said.

Meanwhile, Amarinder lashed out at the working of the committee, which he dubbed as "absurd' with members discussing "the type of polish to be used on buttons and shoes of the uniform" instead of strategising on ways to counter the joint China-Pak threat.

"With both China and Pakistan breathing down on India, the committee should have been discussing strategic security issues and the urgent requirements of our forces and not the polish they need to shine their shoes and buttons. People who know nothing of the defence forces are made to sit on these committees now and we expect them to protect the nation," he said.

Politicians with no knowledge of history and armed forces are sitting in the committee, Amarinder remarked, adding that the chairman should not behave in a "petty" manner.

He (Rahul) hasn't attended 12 of the last 14 meetings of the Parliamentary standing committee... The panel meeting isn't a venue for protest — Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister

EXPRESS READ

Kunal Kamra's fate to be known today

New Delhi: The Supreme Court will pronounce its order today on petitions seeking criminal contempt proceedings against stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra for his alleged scandalous tweets against the top court. During a brief hearing, the SC heard the case for a few minutes before posting the case for Friday.

India, Aus to work on counter-terror plans

New Delhi: India and Australia underlined their commitment to counter terrorism at the 12th meeting of the India-Australia joint working group on counter-terrorism. Both sides decided to work closely together for responding to the challenges and discussed ways to further advance cooperation and information sharing.

-1° CELSIUS AT MOUNT ABU

Icy northerly winds from the Himalayas brought down the mercury in Rajasthan. Mount Abu recorded minus 1 degree Celsius on Wednesday night, the Meteorological (MeT) Department in Jaipur said on Thursday

20 YEARS LOOTED FROM A BANK IN RAJASTHAN

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	12	Mumbai	32	23
Bhopal	22	7	Panaji	34	24
Jaipur	21	7	Patna	18	7
Amritsar	16	2	Lucknow	19	6
Chennai	30	26	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	24	12	Imphal	21	5
Srinagar	4	-4	Chandigarh	17	5

CHILL, IT'S SCHOOL TIME

Children walk to school amid dense fog in Punjab's Amritsar on Thursday morning | PTI

KAFEEL KHAN: U.P. LOSES APPEAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

SUPREME Court on Thursday declined to interfere with the Allahabad High Court's order which had quashed the detention of Dr Kafeel Khan under the stringent National Security Act (NSA) and directing the authorities to release him immediately.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde said the court does not see any reason to interfere with the judgment of the high court.

"This man is out for three months, nothing has occurred," observed the bench while hearing the Uttar Pradesh government's plea against the September 1 order of Allahabad HC.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the state government, submitted before the bench that the High Court's observations will exonerate Khan in the criminal proceedings.

The High Court had quashed Khan's detention under the NSA and passed directions for his immediate release, noting that his speech at the Aligarh Muslim University did not promote hatred or violence, and instead emphasised on national integration.

Allowing his mother Nuzhat Parveen's petition, it said that the District Magistrate's detention order was illegal as the official, while passing the detention order, ignored the true intent of Khan's speech, and instead did a selective reading of his speech.

"A complete reading of the speech prima facie does not disclose any effort to promote hatred or violence. It also no where threatens peace and tranquility. The address gives a call for national integrity and unity," the court had said.

WON'T AFFECT PENDING CRIMINAL CASES: SC

The Supreme Court, however, clarified that the Allahabad High Court's order on preventive detention will not impact the pending criminal cases against Kafeel Khan, and they will be decided on their own merits

ENCOUNTER

Terrorist arrested in Kashmir

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

SECURITY forces arrested a terrorist after a brief encounter in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Thursday morning.

Police said two persons riding a motorcycle were signaled to stop at a checkpoint at Sangam Naina road near Gund Baba Khaleel area of Anantnag.

The pillion rider opened fire on the security forces. "The fire was retaliated, leading to a brief encounter during which a terrorist got injured and was arrested by the security forces. The rider managed to escape".

The injured militant, identified as Zaheer Abbas Lone of Hizb, was shifted to a hospital for treatment.

In a separate incident, terrorists on Thursday lobbed a grenade towards a joint patrol party of police and CRPF in Anantnag district's Bijbehara around 12.15 pm.

The grenade, however, missed the target and exploded on the road, causing splinter injury to a jawan.

Shah to formally induct Suvendu at Bengal rally

Suvendu, others to join the BJP on Saturday at the Midnapore venue from where Mamata Banerjee kicked off her election campaign

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

IN the rising political temperature of West Bengal, ruling Trinamool Congress leader Suvendu Adhikari will share the stage with Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday, paving the way for his formal entry into the saffron camp, according to sources.

BJP sources said the Union home minister would not participate in a local party event in Midnapore. Instead, he would address a public rally at a venue where Trinamool chief Mamata Banerjee was present last week. It is at this venue where Suvendu would meet Shah, it is reliably learnt.

Suvendu will be accompanied by a few Trinamool deserters, including East Burdwan MP Sunil Mondal and Pandaveswar MLA Jitendra Tiwari. They will formally join the saffron party.

Despite Mamata's personal request to Tiwari, one of Suvendu's followers, to wait for her return from north Bengal, the party's strongman in Asansol resigned from the post of the administrator. Suvendu, an accused in the Narada sting operation case being investigated by the CBI, postponed his Delhi visit as the BJP decided to welcome the TMC chief's former trusted lieutenant in the Midnapore public rally.

'TMC's fate does not depend on one person'

Suvendu Adhikari's departure won't affect the TMC in the upcoming Assembly polls, according to party leader Subrata Mukherjee. "TMC is a big party. The party's fate does not depend on one or two persons," he said

"The decision to organise the rally at Midnapore college ground is tactical. Mamata had kicked off her campaign from Midnapore and delivered a message for those who wanted to join the BJP. We will show our strength at the same venue to make her realise how her party leaders are shifting their loyalty months before the assembly polls," said a BJP leader who did not wish to be named.

He, however, did not identify many more TMC functionaries who would switch sides on the day of Shah's rally.

"The TC migration will take place in phases. It will continue over the next one month," the leader said.

On Thursday, Tiwari's office in Pandaveswar was ransacked by TMC supporters after the news of his resignation spread. Meanwhile, West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday urged CM Mamata Banerjee to take urgent measures to allay Suvendu's fears of being implicated in false cases by police. On Wednesday, the former TMC strongman had sought the governor's intervention in the matter.

Guv writes to Mamata over Suvendu

After former TMC leader Suvendu Adhikari wrote to Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar expressing his concerns of being framed in "false criminal cases", Dhankhar on Thursday wrote to Mamata Banerjee asking her to take "affirmative steps"

JD(U) to contest in 75 seats in WB

Janata Dal (United) on Thursday said it will contest in 75 seats in upcoming Assembly elections in the state. The party will fight the election alone if an aliance with ally, the BJP, fails to materialse

Could declare all polling booths as sensitive: EC

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE Election Commission is determined to conduct the 2021 Assembly elections in West Bengal in a free and fair manner and is prepared to declare all booths in the state 'sensitive' if the law and order situation so warrant.

This was disclosed by Deputy Election Commissioner and in-charge of West Bengal Sudeep Jain during his meeting with EC officials, district magistrates and police superintendents of South Bengal on Thursday, sources said.

Jain, who held hectic parleys with district officials to review poll preparedness across the state, also met Chief Secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay to seek cooperation from the state government.

"The Commission has asked all the DMs and SPs to send daily report to the EC and identify the trouble mongers from now onwards so that none of them stays outside jail once election notification is issued. The Commission is keeping a close watch on the law and order situation and will take all possible steps so that voters can exercise their franchise," a senior EC official said.

Sources close to the Chief Electoral Officer in Bengal said Jain, who arrived in the city on Wednesday night, will be interacting with government officials over the next two days.

He is also likely to coordinate with health officials to find out about the Covid-19 safety measures that need to be put in place during the poll process.

Didi fumes as MHA transfers Bengal officers

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

IGNORING the West Bengal government's objections, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Thursday issued transfer orders of three IPS officers of Bengal cadre, who were responsible for BJP chief J P Nadda's security during his visit to the state last week.

The three officers — Rajeev Mishra (IG, South Bengal), Praveen Tripathi (DIG, Presidency Range) and Bholanath Pandey (SP, Diamond Harbour) — have been transferred to Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Seema Suraksha Bal and Police Research Bureau, respectively.

The Mamata government has been maintaining it will not relieve the officers for central deputation. Reacting to Thursday's transfer order, a furious Mamata termed it "completely unacceptable" and "a colourable exercise of power and blatant misuse of emergency provision of IPS Cadre Rule 1954".

Hitting out at MHA, she tweeted, "This move, particularly before the elections, is against the basic tenets of the federal structure. We wouldn't allow this brazen attempt by the Centre to control the State machinery by proxy!"

BSF GUNS DOWN TWO PAK INTRUDERS

AMRITSAR: Two Pakistani "armed intruders" were shot dead by the Border Security Force along the International Border in Punjab in the early hours of Thursday, the force said. The two were killed near the Rajatal border post in Amritsar around 2:20 am after the troops detected movement

EXPRESS READ

Joint MVA candidates to take on BJP

Mumbai : After tasting success in the graduate and teachers state legislative council elections, the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government has decided to field a joint candidate in the upcoming polls to corner the BJP in Maharashtra. Deputy CM and senior NCP leader Ajit Pawar said many BJP sitting MLAs wanted to join the alliance.

Maha panel holds meet on farm laws

Mumbai: A sub-committee of the Maharashtra cabinet, formed to study the contentious farm reforms of the Centre, met for the first time here on Thursday. The Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress government in the state wanted to frame laws that will make farmers "stronger", Revenue Minister Balasaheb Thorat said.

Adulterated plasma racket could be much bigger than thought

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE alleged plasma racket busted recently in Gwalior district of Madhya Pradesh could be much bigger than thought.

Five men, including racket kingpin Ajay Tyagi, have been arrested till date. The Gwalior police are set to recommend slapping of the National Security Act (NSA) against Tyagi, who is believed to have made some startling revelations during interrogation.

The matter came to light last week following the death of a middle-aged Covid-19 patient Manoj Gupta who had undergone plasma therapy sourced from Tyagi's team at a private hospital in Gwalior.

Gupta's family reportedly blamed the plasma for the death since the short post-mortem report revealed that the patient's blood was infected due to administration of substandard plasma, which was not packed as per standard norms, thus affecting its quality.

"So far we've arrested five men and booked them under various sections of IPC, including Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder). We're soon going to start the process of invoking NSA against Tyagi," Gwalior district police superintendent Amit Sanghi told this newspaper.

The health department, too, has started probing the functioning of private blood banks in the city as well as the deaths of other Covid patients who took plasma therapy.

"Till date, 116 Covid-19 patients at various hospitals in Gwalior have been administered plasma therapy, of which 25 died. Though relatives of none of them complained about plasma quality, all 25 are definitely under our scanner," Gwalior district chief medical and health officer Dr Manish Sharma said.

"A private blood bank — Radha Swamy Blood Bank — has been sealed in Gwalior, while action has been recommended in Bhopal against three more blood banks for operating in Gwalior without proper permission and documents," Dr Sharma added.

The probe has so far revealed that Tyagi (whose brother works at a prominent government hospital in Gwalior) sourced blood from a private pathologist and then separated plasma at his own premises, which he supplied to patients at inflated prices.

Fake rubber stamps and seals of a prominent government hospital and Red Cross Society were recovered from Tyagi's premises. One of the arrested persons is reportedly a guard of a government hospital.

Seven pacts signed at India-B'desh virtual summit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi said Bangladesh was one of the significant pillars of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy during the virtual summit of India and Bangladesh on Thursday. Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Modi expressed satisfaction over the current state of bilateral relations based on shared bonds of history, culture, and language.

The government has focussed on keeping strong relations with Dhaka since it came to power, said Modi. He tweeted later he looked forward to visiting Dhaka next year.

Bangladesh will be accorded high priority in the area of Covid-19 vaccine distribution, said the Ministry of External Affairs at a press briefing.

The two countries signed seven agreements in areas of hydrocarbon, supply of equipment, and agriculture, among others. Jointly inaugurating the newly restored railway link between Haldibari and Chilahati, the two leaders noted that the rail link will further strengthen trade and people's ties between the two sides. It was decided to operationalise the train when the Covid-19 situation improves.

Hasina raised the issue of repatriation of Rohingya refugees to Myanmar.

The two leaders jointly unveiled a commemorative postal stamp issued by the Indian government to mark the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Both countries agreed to hold an early meeting of the joint boundary conference to prepare a new set of strip maps along the stretch of Icchamati, Kalindi, Raimongol and the Hariabhanga Rivers from main pillar 1 to the land boundary terminus. Bangladesh reiterated the request for 1.3 km innocent passage through the river route along river Padma near Rajshahi district to which India assured it would consider the request.

City organist brings laurels

A well-known city organ player Amarjeet Frank was one among a select group of organ players from the country to participate in a first-of-its-kind international pipe organ recital organised on December 12. The event was organised by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), New Delhi. Frank found it to be an honour to perform along with the some of the most eminent pipe organists. He is currently attached to La Martiniere College's chapel, here, in the state capital. The other organ players, six were from churches in India, while one from Germany. Frank described pipe organ 'the most fascinating musical instrument' which he had been playing since 1964. Currently, there is only one pipe organ in the state capital and that is in the chapel of La Martiniere College

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LUCKNOW DIARY

Ipshita falls silent

The roar of one of the oldest inmates of Lucknow zoo fell silent as its pride, the 19-year-old Royal Bengal tigress, Ipshita left for her heavenly abode after a prolonged illness. The big cat was the heart of the zoo and saved many dull evenings with its growling and angry pacing. The feline was in the zoo hospital for the past two years because of its illness. Now, zoo is left with seven Royal Bengal tigers, including four of which were born from Ipshita. The tigress had not been keeping well due to old age. It was not eating properly and had become frail. In 2009, Ipshita had given birth to four cubs, including a white one. The birth of the tiger cubs was special since it was after 10 years that tiger cubs were born at Lucknow zoo. Ipshita and its partner Shishir were brought to Lucknow in 2007

Municipal Corporation's smart watches

After a gap of over a year, Lucknow Municipal Corporation (LMC) is planning to re-introduce smart watches to keep vigil on its sanitary workers. Around 10,000 smart watches have been purchased from a Bengaluru based private company for Rs 3 crore. These watches have chips with a global positioning system (GPS) that will help the LMC control room to check the workers' movement. The watches will be first made mandatory for around 6,000 contractual workers followed by 3,000 permanent ones. The decision to re-introduce smart watches was taken after receiving shoddy garbage collection complaints from over 20 wards in the city. The distribution work will start by December end

Panchatantra Van in Raj Bhawan soon

The sprawling lawns of palatial Raj Bhawan (Governor House) is set to get a unique Panchatantra Van (Panchtantra Forest) where people, especially children, will learn lessons of Panchatantra (an ancient Indian collection of animal fables) with the help of self explanatory murals. The 'Van' will come up on 2.5 hactre land with a nature trail, fountain, model of animals, light arrangements, music systems in place to attract people's attention. It is expected to be ready by April. Slides and swings will be set up there to attract children. Besides, three dimensional animal models of tiger and lions, concave and convex lens will be installed to catch childrens' attention

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby notified that my client intends to purchase agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.71/2 (Old Sy. No.71)** measuring 2 acres out of total extent of 3 Acres and 1.04 guntas kharab land, situated at Jinnagara Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist, which is described in the schedule herein below from Smt.Akkayyamma, Smt.Shivamma and Sri.Manjunath, who have represented to be the owners as the legal heirs of Late Doddabasappa. If any person/s having any objections/claims, they may raise the same along with documentary evidence before the under mentioned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which my client will proceed with the transaction treating as there are no claim/s whatsoever to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.71/2 (Old Sy.No.71) measuring 2 acres** out of total extent of 3 Acres and 1.04 guntas kharab land attached thereto, situated at Jinnagara Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist, which is bounded by on the:

East : Land in Sy.No.70,
West : Land in Sy.No.71/1,
North : Remaining Land in this Sy.No.71/2 belongs to Nagaraj,
South : Land in Sy.No.68

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that, my client **Mrs.Pushpalatha G.**, W/o:N.Dhananjaya, Aged about 39 Years, Residing at Sy.No.33/4, Muneshwara Temple, Bylappanahalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Near Narayana Mutt, Virgonagar, Bangalore-560049, has lost the "**Original Registered Sale deed dated 19-05-1993 executed by Mrs.Akkayyamma in favour of Mr.Ningappa and the document is registered as No.272/1993-94 at Pages 79 to 82 in Volume No.1638 of Book-I in the Office of the sub-Registrar, Ramanagara**" nearby Corporation Circle, Bengaluru, while going to K.R.Market on 05-10-202. She has lodged a Police Complaint on 02-12-2020 with Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, in that behalf and got the acknowledgement.

The above said original document pertains to the property bearing Gramatana Khaneshumari No.20/2B, situated at Seshagirihalli Colony, Seshagirihalli Dhakale, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, along with building constructed thereon and bounded on the East by Property belonging to Mrs.Nanjamma, West by Property belonging to Mr.Shivanna, North by Government Road and South by Land belonging to Mrs.Lakshmamma.

The General Public are hereby informed that if any person holding/trace out the above said Original Sale deed may inform to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this notice.

If any person/s or any bank or any financial institution having any charge, lien, right, title or interest over the above said property should inform the undersigned with the relevant documentary evidence in person within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which the title of the above said property will be presumed to be clear and marketable and my client will go further in respect of the said property.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that our client is intending to purchase the Western portion of the residential Converted land measuring 33.5 (Thirty three and half) Guntas marked within the letters ABCDEIH as shown in the sketch which is annexed in the Court sale deed out of an total extent of land measuring 1 Acre 27 Guntas bearing Survey No. 12, converted land vide Order bearing No. A.L.N.(N)S.R-361/04-05 Dated: 07.04.2005 land situated at Mallasandra Village, Yashavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder as schedule property from its owner **SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHY** son of Late Gangappa residing at No.1153, 'A' Block, 5th Main Road, Rajajinagara 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 010 any person having any right, claim or interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims in writing to the undersigned with documentary proof within 10 (Ten) days from the date of this publication. In the event of no claim being received within 10 (Ten) days, our client will proceed with further transactions relating to the schedule property, and no claim/s will be entertained after this period.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Western portion of the Residentially Converted land measuring 33.5 (Thirty three and half) Guntas marked within the letters ABCDEIH as shown in the sketch which is annexed in the Court sale deed out of an total extent of land measuring 1 Acre 27 Guntas bearing Survey No.12, converted land vide Order Bearing No. A.L.N (N) S.R-361/04-05 Dated: 07.04.2005, land situated at Mallasandra Village, Yashavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on:

East by : Remaining land fallen to the share of the JDRs measuring 33.5 Guntas in the same Survey Number and also Survey No.19 Shettihalli Village;
West by : Muniswamappa's Land;
North by : Survey No.19 Shettihalli Village and Ramakrishnappa's Land;
South by : Shettyhalli to Mallasandra Main Road.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Ajaz Pasha, S/o.Syed Peer** is the absolute owner of the New Corporation No.16, Old No.70, PID No.12-35-16, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 sq.feet, together with RCC Roofed Building Situated at Jarakabandekaval Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Property No.69, **South by :** Property No.71 and my client acquired the Said property from Sri Vaidyanathan Sivaram Krishnan rep. by his GPA Holder Sri.Syed Peer through a registered Sale Deed. Whereas my client states that while taking Xerox of the Original property papers of the aforesaid property, he has lost the Original Sale Agreement cum Possession and registered GPA bearing Document No.2036/95-96, Book-I, Volume 156, Pages 174 to 175 dated 12.01.1996, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar Rajajinagar, Bangalore. Whereas my client has made Search of the said original documents, inspite of his best efforts the above said original documents has not been traced out so far. In this behalf my client has lodged complaint on 05.12.2020 through Bengaluru City Police Website, Police Unit: Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police, Bangalore (Vide Serial No.906126). If anybody is having custody over the above mentioned Document or finds the same, they shall communicate/contact me with original documents to the below mentioned address.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that my client is intending to purchase the residentially converted vacant site bearing No.42 of Layout name and style as **"BRO GARDEN"** BBMP Ward No.14, formed in Survey No.81/2 and Survey No. 81/4 of Bagalagunte Village, Yashavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, vide Conversion order bearing No. LAND10006403 and LAND10006404 Dated: 13.08.2018 respectively, site measuring East to West: Northern Side:40.9 Feet, Southern side: 39.8 Feet, North to South: Eastern Site:30.0 Feet, Western Side: 31.0 Feet total measuring 1230.6 Square feet, from its owner Mr. K.S. Venkatesh Son of Late K.V. Shankara Murthy, any person having any right, claim or interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims in writing to the undersigned with documentary proof within 10 (Ten) days from the date of this publication. In the event of no claim being received within 10 (Ten) days, our client will proceed with further transactions relating to the schedule property, and no claim/s will be entertained after this period.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted vacant site bearing No. 42 of Layout name and style as 'BRO GARDEN' BBMP Ward No. 14, formed in Survey No. 81/2 and Survey No. 81/4 of Bagalagunte Village Yashavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, vide Conversion order bearing No. LAND10006403 and LAND10006404 Dated: 13.08.2018 respectively, site measuring East to West: Northern Side: 40.9 Feet, Southern Side: 39.8 Feet, North to South: Eastern Site: 30.0 Feet, Western Side: 31.0 Feet total measuring 1230.6 Square feet, and bounded:

East : Road,
West : Private Layout,
North : Site No.41 and
South : Site No.43.

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Government of India Bhabha Atomic Research Centre Mysuru

Tender Notice No.BARC/MYS/Admin/04/2020
NOTIFICATION – Extension of Time

Reference this Centre Tender Notice No.BARC/MYS/Admin/04/2020. The last date for submission of online tender has been extended till **21.12.2020.**

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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
TENDER NO.: B&R / HO / STPI / 51194 / BBSR / EOI / CW / 01

Expression of Interest (EOI) Tender are invited from Reputed, Resourceful and Experienced Parties meeting Prescribed QUALIFYING CRITERIA for the work in connection with "CONSTRUCTION OF INNOVATION TOWER BUILDINGS (LB+UB+G+9) AT BHUBNESWAR, IN THE DISTRICT OF KHORDA, UNDER SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS OF INDIA (STPI), BHUBANESWAR, GOVT. OF INDIA ; SUB-HEAD : Civil Work including Electrical work, Sanitary & Plumbing, PHE Work, Fire-Fighting, HVAC, Roof Top Solar Panel, Smart Street Light, Landscaping and other Allied Works etc."

Interested Bidder(s) will have to be enrolled & registered with the Government e-Procurement System; through logging on to https://eprocure.gov.in.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted in Company's website: www.bridgeroof.co.in and CPP portal: https://eprocure.gov.in only.

THE LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF OFFER(S) : ON OR BEFORE 31.12.2020.

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Executive Engineer Office, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Limited, Upper Bhadra Project, Division No.5, Chitradurga.
Phone No.:08194-230102 E-mail:eeubp.d5cta@gmail.com

No.EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-05/CTA/SCP-TSP/Tender/Corrigendum-1/ 2020-21/992 Date:11.12.2020

SHORT TERM e-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-1 NOTIFICATION

(Only throug h E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

Due to technical reasons,06 no works calendar events of this office Short terme-tender Notification No.EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-05/CTA/SCP-TSP/Tender/2020-21/924 to 929 Date:25.11.2020 (indent No. VJNL/2020-21/IW/WORK_INDENT 1534, VJNL/2020-21/IW/WORK_INDENT1535, VJNL/2020-21/CT/WORK_INDENT 1536, VJNL/2020-21/IW/WORK_INDENT 1537, VJNL/2020-21/IW/WORK_INDENT 1538, VJNL/2020-21/IW/WORK_INDENT 1539) has been rescheduled as mentioned below. 1) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: 08.01.2021 up to 17.00PM 2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders up to 13.01.2021 up to 4.00PM 3) Date & Time for Opening of Bid: 15.01.2021 04.30 PM onwards. For more details please contact 08194-230102 during office hours. Bidders are requested to get updated with the corrigendum /addendum (if any) issued on line in the entire tender process at website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CTA/MCA/574/2020-21 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಉಪಕರಣಾಗಾರ ಮತ್ತು ತರಬೇತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ
(ಇಂಡೋ–ಡ್ಯಾನಿಷ್ ಯೋಜನೆ)
ರಾಜಾಜಿನಗರ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ವಸಾಹತು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560 010
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 080–23157189, ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 080–23301683
ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: www.karnataka.gov.in/gttc ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: gttc.mcd@karnataka.gov.in

ಸಂ: ಜಿಟಿಟಿಸಿ/ಪ್ರಯೋಜನೆ/ಸಿವಿಲ್–ಎಲೆಕ್ಟ್ರಿಕಲ್/ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್/ಬಿಡಿ–101/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.12.2020

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಉಪಕರಣಾಗಾರ ಮತ್ತು ತರಬೇತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಉಪಕೇಂದ್ರ ವಿವಿಧ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯ ತರಬೇತಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಿ.ಟಿ.ಸಿ ಪ್ರಯೋಗಾಲಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು (upload) ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.01.2021ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು ಅಥವಾ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ +91 80 23010900, + 91 80 23010901 ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

DIPR/DDU/YC/2052/2020-21

ಕೋವಿಡ್-19. ಆತಂಕ ಬೇಡ: ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಇರಲಿ.
ಮಾಸ್ಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ | 6 ಅಡಿ ದೈಹಿಕ ಅಂತರ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ | ಕೈಗಳ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT
O/o the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Cubbon Park, Bengaluru.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ತೋಉನಿ/ಕಉ/ವಿವಿ2/07/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16–12–2020

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Biannual Re-E-Tender are invited in Two Cover System through e-Procurement Portal for Repairs & Maintenance of Computerized Sprinkler Irrigation System at Sri Chamarajendra Park (Cubbon Park). Further details may be had from Website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
1) Approximate cost of Tender: **Rs. 52.80 Lakhs. 2)** Cost of Application Form: Application Fee shall be paid as directed in **"e" Procurement Government of Karnataka**, Bengaluru. **3)** E.M.D: **Rs. 2,64,000/-** shall be paid in favour of **"e" Procurement Government of Karnataka. 4)** Last date for submission of Tender: **31-12-2020 upto 5.00 PM. 5)** Pre Bid Conference: **on 23-12-2020, Time 12.00 - 1.00 PM. 6)** Date of Opening of Technical Tender Forms: **02-01-2021 at 12.00 Noon. 7)** Date of Opening of Financial Tender: **05-01-2021 at 12.00 Noon.** Tender authority will have the right to accept or reject the tender.

Sd/- Deputy Director of Horticulture
Cubbon Park, Bengaluru

DIPR/DDU/Adverto/2047/2020-21

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, C.V. Raman Nagar Division, 1st Cross Road, 2nd H Main Road, Kasturinagar, Bengaluru.

No.EE/CVR/E-Proc/13/2020-21 **Date: 16.12.2020**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, C.V. Raman Nagar Division, invites tenders on behalf of the BBMP Commissioner from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Est. Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	No. of Works
1	50	58.00 & 52.00	1,16,000 & 1,04,0000	2
2	58	60.00 each	1,20,000 each	2
3	79	51.00 to 94.00	1,02,000 to 1,88,000	4
4	80	55.00 & 60.00	1,10,000 & 1,20,000	2
5	88	60.00 Each	1,20,000 Each	2
			Total Works	**12**

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **21.12.2020 onwards. 2)** Pre-bid Meeting **: 28.12.2020 at 15.00 Hrs. 3)** Last date & time of receipt of tenders **: 01.01.2021 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4)** Date of opening of Technical bids: **02.01.2021 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.V. Raman Nagar Division

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CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017 | Website: www.southindianbank.com

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Tumkur (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which was taken on 29.08.2020 by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited, Regional Office Bangalore (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on 28.01.2021, for recovery of an amount of Rs. 25,49,69,901.96 (Rupees Twenty Five Crore Forty Nine Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand nine Hundred and One and ninety six paise only) as on 14.12.2020 due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Tumkur, (Secured Creditor) from **M/s Swarnmandir Jewel Designer Private Limited,** (CIN:U33208KA2009PTC050106) IInd floor, Santhrupthi Complex, Vivekananda Road, Tumkur 572101 and the Guarantors, **1) Mr. Kishoor Kumar Pukharaj alias Kishoor Kumar P alias Kishore Kumar P alias Kishor Kumar P,** (Director, M/s Swammandir Jewel Designer Private Limited) **2) Mrs.Sobha K**, Director, M/s Swammandir Jewel Designer Private Limited **3) Mr. Aditya Kishoor**, No.1 to No.3 residing at: #73, Rajagopal Nagar Main Road, Karnataka Urban Co-operative Society Layout, Peenya, Bangalore -560058., **4) Mr. Mohan Raj Parameshwara,** S/o. Parameshwara K (Director, M/s Swammandir Jewel Designer Private Limited) 5) Mr. Kumaresh K, **6) Mr. Jagadeesh K**, **7) Mr. Parameshwara K,** No.4 to No.7 residing at No. 8, O.T.C. Road, Next to Sharada Theatre, Bangalore-560002.

As to the Item No.1 property, the reserve price will be Rs.3,18,27,000.00 (Rupees Three Crore Eighteen Lakh and Twenty Seven Thousand only), and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.31,82,700.00 (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Eighty Two Thousand and Seven Hundred only).

As to the Item No.2 property, the reserve price will be Rs.1,22,33,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Two Lakh and Thirty Three Thousand only), and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.12,23,300.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Three Thousand and Three Hundred only).

SECURED ASSETS

Item No.1:
All that piece and parcel of residential building by name **"Namratha"** with plinth area of about 2800 Square feet, on land measuring 3120 Square feet New Muncipal Khatha No. 1879/A/ 871, PID No 18897, #1865, K.R. Lay Out, Ward No.17 with in Tumkur Mahanagara Palike, Tumkur City (2nd Division, Tumkur Town portion of old Muncipal Khatha 2320/A to 2322/C/1865) Measuring East to West: 40 feet, North to South:78 feet i.e. 3120 Square feet
Boundaries: North:Conservancy, East:Private property, South:Road, West:Private property
The property is owned by Mr. Kishor Kumar P under Sale deed 791/1988/89 dt 28.05.1988, SRO Tumkur

Item No. 2:
All that piece and parcel of residential flat-No.C2-1041 in the Fourth Floor with built up area of 1499.99 Square Feet and 298.96 Square feet, proportionate share in common areas, exclusive right over one covered Car parking in the basement in the Apartment building **"Sobha Ruby Platinum"** along with 0.10% equivalent to 564.38 Square feet of undivided share in residentially converted lands measuring about 566715.892 Square feet (after excluding portion marked for Kharab land, park, open spaces, Civic amenities BDA road widening and future development) in Sy No 5/3, 18/1, 18/2, 18/3,18/4, 18/5, 18/6, 23,68, 69/2 and 70 portion of Nagasandra Village , Yeshvanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk (presently Chokkasandra under limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP Khatha No.1), Bangalore.
Boundaries: East by: Village Road & Private Property, West By : Private Property, North By: Road (Bangalore –Pune Highway), South by : Private Property
Flat boundaries: East: Open to sky, West: Common passage & thereafter lift, Flat C2-1043, C2-1042, North Staircase area, South: Open to sky
The property is owned by Mr. Kishoor Kumar P under Sale deed 5579/2011-12 dt 30.09.2011 (CD PNYD484 dt 30.09.2011) SRO Peenya
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. **www. southindianbank.com**

Date : 15.12.2020 **Sd/-**
Place : Bangalore **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

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VELACHERY, CHENNAI - 600 042

Tamil Nadu Motor Vehicles Maintenance Department tenders are invited during the month of December 2020 & January 2021, for the supply of new automotive batteries / tyres and approval of rate for tyre retreading for 2021-2022, coming under the maintenance perview of this department. The details regarding issuing of tender form, last date for submission of tender, opening date of tender and the terms and conditions of tender may be viewed in the Government Website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

DIPR/ 4731/Tender/2020 **DIRECTOR**

MP POORV KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD.
BLOCK NO.8, SHAKTI BHAWAN, RAMPUR, JABALPUR (M.P.)
Tel No : 0761 2702473, e-mail : cepurez@yahoo.in, CIN : U40109MP2002SGC015120

No. CGM/PUR/EZ/GM/II/2476 **TENDER NOTICE** Jabalpur, dtd:- 10.12.2020

Online Tenders are invited for following services:-

Sr. No.	T.S. No. DISCOM/EZ/PUR	NAME OF ITEMS	APPROX. VALUE (Rs. in Lakhs)	TENDER FEE (in Rs)	Date of Opening of Tender
1.	1122 (E-Tender No. 2020_PKWC_117887_1)	Appointment of MSP for Providing and Managing the Infrastructure on Cloud for Billing System	1600.00	11,800.00	07.01.2021

For other details visit our website - **www.mpez.co.in & mptenders.gov.in**

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Government of Karnataka
RAICHUR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR
(Govt. Autonomous Institution)
Hyderabad Road, Raichur-584102, Ph/Fax : 08532-238488/89
Web: www.rims-raichur.com Email : info@rims-raichur.com

NO.RIMS/SUP/TEND/EQP/77/2020-21/Call-2 Dated: 15.12.2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Supply of Various Equipments to Department of ENT, RIMS Raichur under two cover bid system **through E-Procurement Portal** of Government of Karnataka.

1) Tender document may be download from E-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from **17-12-2020**, 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before **01-01-2021 upto 5.00 PM,** 3) Technical bid will be opened on **04-01-2021 at 11.30 A.M.**

Further information may be obtained from above office and from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also from this Institution web site www.rims-raichur.com

Sd/- Director,
DIP/Raichur/458/MC&A/2020-21 **Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur**

KITCO the consultants

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of Secretary, Department of Sports, Govt of Kerala, KITCO Ltd invites e-Tenders for the following works:

Sl No	Name of Work	PAC	EMD	Period of Completion
1	Supply and Installation of Maple wood flooring along with sports equipment at I.M. Vijayan Indoor Stadium & Sports Complex at Laloor, Thrissur.	Rs. 1.82 Cr	Rs. 50,000/-	120 days
2	Supply and Installation of Maple wood flooring along with sports equipment at Omkaranathan Indoor Stadium at Kalpetta, Wayanad	Rs. 1.82 Cr	Rs. 50,000/-	120 days
3	Supply and Installation of Maple wood flooring at Municipal Stadium at Punalur, Kollam	Rs. 0.40 Cr	Rs. 50,000/-	120 days
4	Supply and installation of a) Synthetic Acrylic Surfaced Outdoor Basketball court & Volleyball Court with equipment b) Indoor Vinyl sports flooring and equipment set for Table Tennis for Sports Facility Centre at GVHSS Meppayyur, Kozhikode	Rs. 0.38 Cr	Rs. 50,000/-	120 days
5	Supply and installation of)a Maple Wood flooring with equipment for indoor volleyball court b) Synthetic Acrylic Flooring with equipment for Outdoor Volleyball Court for Volleyball Academy at Naduvannur, Kozhikode	Rs. 0.56 Cr	Rs. 50,000/-	120 days

Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from e-tender websites www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Place: Kochi (Sd/-), General Manager
Date: 18.12.2020 KITCO LTD

Funded by KERALA INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND BOARD (KIIFB)
(A statutory body under Finance Department, Govt. of Kerala)

RO/01951/D3/2020/I&PRD

KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Established under the State Financial Corporations Act, 1951)
Branch Office: No.37, I Floor, Opp: DC Office, Hospet Road, KOPPAL– 583 231.
Phone : (08539) 225004, 225005. Mob: 9880034031, 9482532295

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS THROUGH e-AUCTION

The following assets taken over under section 29 of the State Financial Corporations Act, 1951 are available for sale on **"as is where is and whatever there is"** basis and will be sold through e-auction. Persons interested to purchase the assets may participate in the e-auction through web site **https: //eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

1. Niranjan Inds. & Niranjan Paddy Drier : (Partners : Sri N Basavaraj, Sri N Gurunathappa, Sri N Sridhar and five others) Industrial land measuring 3 acre 26 guntas along with building in Sy.No. 50/4/7, Sy.No. 50/4/8, R.G Road, Venkatagiri, Near : Dasnal Bridge, Gangavathi Tq., Koppal Dist. **Reserve Price :Rs. 1,47,83,000/- : EMD : Rs. 14,78,300/- (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2213)**

2. Manjunatha Keloji Enterprises : Commercial site measuring 15' x 65' (975 sq.ft.) situated at Shop Nos. 2-2-178 to 181, 186 and 189 and commercial complex thereon having ground, first and second floors, Gandhi Circle, Gangavathi, Koppal dist. **Reserve Price : Rs. 1,10,71,000/- : EMD : Rs. 11,07,100/- (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2172)**

3. Raj Granites : (Prop:Sri Manjunath Chatter) Industrial land measuring 1000 Sq.mtrs. factory building thereon. Granite Tiles cutting and polishing machinery at Plot NO.34, KIADB Industrial Area, Kushtagi, Koppal dist. **Reserve price : Rs.29,90,000/-. EMD Rs.2,99,000/-.(E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2173)**

4. Vaishnavi Granites : (Prop:Sri.Lingayya S Julagudda) Industrial land measuring 2000 Sq.mtrs.(75 mtr. X 26.66 mtr.) & factory building thereon. Granite Tiles cutting and polishing machinery at Plot No.21, KIADB Industrial Area, Kushtagi, Koppal dist. **Reserve price : Rs.37,28,000/-. EMD Rs.3,72,800/-.(E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2174)**

5. Tayamma Metals : (Prop: Sri. Sharanappa S/o Gudadappa) 2 Acres of NA land, Building and Stone Crusher & DG Set in Sy. No.44,Udamkal, Venkatagiri, Tq:Gangavathi. **Reserve Price : Rs. 19,85,000/- : EMD Amount : Rs. 1,98,500/- (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2175)**

6. Kalyanabasaveshwara seeds Corporation : (Prop: Sri.Basanagouda S Police Patil) Seeds processing factory having Industrial Land measuring 1 acre 38 guntas, building thereon and plant and machinery such as Agro Saw seed cleaner, 5TPH Elevator, OSAW Agro Grader, 3TPH Elevator, Silo Dust Collector, Cleaner cum Stone separator, Cotton Ginning machines Type 3 No.2 with Motor, 20 KVA DG set, Small Pouch Packing Machine sealer & Stitching Machine At Sy.No.9/1, GP Assessment No.247, Yelamgeri, Irakalagada, Koppal TQ & Dist. **Reserve Price :Rs. 41,79,000/- : EMD : Rs. 4,17,900/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2176)**

7. Shree Hari Industries : (Prop: H Venkatesh) Electric poles manufacturing factory having industrial land measuring 1 acre 10 guntas, building and plant and machinery in Sy. No.31/3,Halavarthi, Koppal Tq. Koppal dist. **Reserve Price : Rs. 58,67,000/- : EMD : Rs. 5,86,700/- (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2177)**

8. Brahmini Granites Industries: (Partners : Sri.Mariyappa Melinamani & Sri.Vinaykumar Melinamani)
A) Industrial land measuring 1 acre 20 guntas along with factory building thereon at Sy.No.38/3, Adjacent NH-13, Uppar Basapur, Dotihal Panchayath, Kushtagi Tq, Koppal Dist. **Reserve Price :Rs.71,36,000/- EMD : Rs.7,13,600/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2178)**
B) Granite Cutting & Polishing Machinery including Gantry Crane, EOT Crane, etc. at Sy.No.38/3, Adjacent NH-13, Uppar Basapur, Dotihal Panchayath, Kushtagi Tq, Koppal Dist. **Reserve Price :Rs.27,68,000/- EMD : Rs.2,76,800/-. (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2179)**

9. Manjushree Talkies : (Prop: Manjunath Angadi) commercial land measuring 22 guntas along with Kalyana Mantap building in Sy. No.197/2 (197/A), Gabbur Road, Ginigera, Koppal Tq. Koppal Dist. **Reserve Price :Rs. 98,60,000/- : EMD : Rs. 9,86,000/- (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2180)**

10. NYS Granite Impex Pvt Ltd. : (Directors : Sri Yamanur Saka, Sri Srikanth N Ayili, Sri Nagaraj V Muddebihal, Smt Mamatha Y Saka, Smt. Bharathi N Muddebihal & Sri Mohan N Ayili) . **Industrial Land: at Sy.No.35/2/5 & 35/2/9, Bandragal village, Kushtagi Tq., Koppal Dist,** measuring 1 acre 38 guntas and factory building: measuring 2963.51 sq.m and an RCC block measuring 145.82 sq.m. Slurry Tanks, borewell etc. **Reserve Price : Rs.1,62,84,000/-, EMD : Rs.16,28,400/- (E-Auction Notice No. : KSFC/2020-21/AUCTION2181)**

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Date: 17-12-2020 **Sd/-**
Place : Koppal **BRANCH MANAGER**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Trichy – 620 020.
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 7 / 2020 - 2021 / D5 / MCBC / Trichy / Dated 16.12.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Trichy invites sealed tender as per the tender system noted below for the following works from the experienced relavant class in PWD contractors. The tender will be opened **as mentioned below** by the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Trichy in presence of the Tenderers or their authorized agents.
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Superintending Engineer, WRD.,
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Dhaka	24	10	SNY	Moscow	0	-4	LC
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Mixed response for Sputnik V shots in Russia

Some Russians unwilling to get the vaccine that India has signed up for; Putin pushes inoculation before trials are over

MOSCOW

WHILE excitement and enthusiasm greeted the Western-developed coronavirus vaccine when it was rolled out, the Russian-made version has received a mixed response, with reports of empty Moscow clinics that offered the shot to health care workers and teachers — the first members of the public designated to receive it.

Kremlin officials and state-controlled media touted the Sputnik V vaccine as a major achievement after it was approved Aug. 11. But among Russians, hope that the shot would reverse the course of the COVID-19 crisis has become mixed with wariness and skepticism, reflecting concerns about how it was rushed out while still in its late-stage testing to ensure its effectiveness and safety.

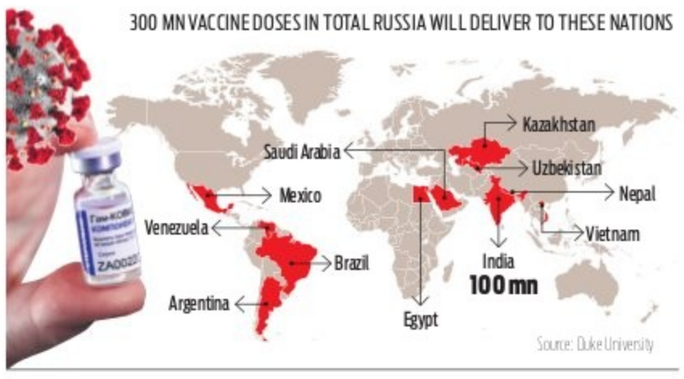
Russia faced global criticism for approving a vaccine that hasn't completed advanced trials among tens of thousands of people, and experts both at home and abroad warned against its wider use until the studies are completed.

Russian President Vladimir Putin | AFP

Despite those warnings, authorities started offering it to certain high-risk groups, such as medical workers, within weeks of approval. Alexander Gintsburg, head of Gamaleya Institute, which developed the vaccine, said last week 150,000 Russians have gotten it.

One recipient was Dr. Alexander Zatsepin, an ICU specialist in Voronezh, a city 500 km south of Moscow, who received the vaccine in October.

"We've been working with Covid-19 patients since March, and every day when we come home, we worry about infecting our family members. So when some kind of opportunity to protect them and myself appeared, I thought it should be used," he said.



All about being the first

After Britain announced Dec 2 it had approved a vaccine developed by drugmakers Pfizer and BioNTech, President Vladimir Putin told authorities to start a large-scale inoculation campaign, a sign of Moscow's eagerness to be at the front of the race against the pandemic.

Russia approved its vaccine after it was tested on only a few dozen people, touting it as "the first in the world" to receive a go-ahead. Developers named it "Sputnik V," a reference to the Soviet Union's 1957 launch of the world's first satellite during the Cold War.

On Dec 2, Putin cited a target of over 2 million doses in the coming days. Despite such a limited supply for a nation of 146 million, Moscow immediately widened who was eligible for it. Shots are free to everyone in medical or educational facilities, both state and private; social and municipal workers; retail and service workers; and those in the arts.

The vaccine developers have said study data suggests the vaccine was 91% effective, a conclusion based on 78 infections among nearly 23,000 participants. That's far fewer cases than Western drugmakers have accumulated during final testing before analyzing their candidates' efficacy.

Some experts say such efficacy rates inspire optimism, but public trust may be an issue. A poll in Oct by the Levada Center, a top independent pollster, showed that 59% of Russians were unwilling to get the shots even if they are free. *AP*

There is no absolute confidence yet

Dr. Alexander Zatsepin, an ICU specialist in Voronezh, says about the vaccine. He still takes precautions against infection because efficacy studies aren't over

COVID SHAKE-UP

EU leaders rush to self-isolate as Macron tests +ve

PARIS

A host of European leaders and top French officials rushed into isolation on Thursday after President Emmanuel Macron tested positive for Covid-19, upending political agendas across the continent.

A flurry of contact-tracing followed France's confirmation that Macron had become the latest world leader to contract Covid-19.

Macron, 42, was tested after the "onset of the first symptoms" and will now self isolate for seven days in accordance with national regulations, his office said in a statement.

"He will continue to work and carry out his activities remotely," the statement said.

The timing is awkward for Macron, who is keeping a close eye on Brexit talks and a host of other international issues. Officials emphasised he was still working and was taking part in a conference on economic development on Thursday afternoon.

Macron attended an EU summit in Brussels last week and on Monday went to a conference in Paris organised by the OECD.

European Council president Charles Michel and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez were both at the Paris conference and are isolating.

Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa has also gone into self-isolation and cancelled all immediate events on his agenda after , having lunch with Macron on Wednesday.

Luxembourg's Prime Minister Xavier Bettel began isolating on Thursday pending a test result after he had attended the EU summit last week. *AFP*

POLITICIANS HIT BY COVID-19

Macron joins a growing list of other world leaders just as inoculation drives against the viral illness are beginning in a number of countries

- **DONALD TRUMP**, US President
- **JAIR BOLSONARO**, Brazilian president
- **BORIS JOHNSON**, British PM
- **JUAN ORLAND HERNANDEZ**, Honduras president
- **ALEXANDER LUKASHENKO**, Belarus president
- **ALBERT II**, Prince of Manaco
- **ALEJANDRO GIAMMATTEI**, Guatemalan president
- **JEANINE ANEZ**, Bolivian president

Volkswagen loses key EU court case in diesel scandal

BRUSSELS

THE EU's top court ruled on Thursday that Volkswagen breached the law by installing on its cars a so-called defeat device to cheat on emission tests and cannot argue it was merely protecting car engines.

The scandal known as "Dieselgate" erupted five years ago when the US Environmental Protection Agency found that Volkswagen had installed special software to rig US emissions tests for its latest "clean diesel" vehicles.

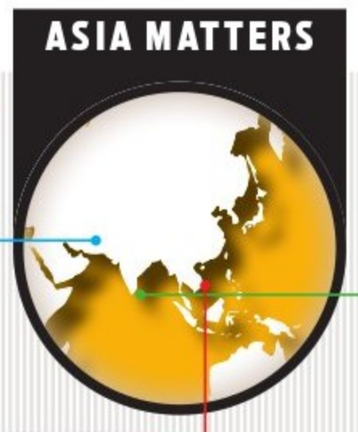
The German carmaker admitted to fitting millions of cars with the device and it turned out that the use of the cheating software had not been isolated to the US. In Europe, it had argued that the software could be justified as it helps protect the engine over time.

Volkswagen was referred to as "company X" in the court ruling, which established that "a manufacturer cannot install a defeat device which systematically improves, during approval procedures, the performance of the vehicle emission control system and thus obtain approval of the vehicle."

The case was examined by the ECJ after the Paris prosecutor's office opened a judicial investigation into whether Volkswagen deceived buyers of diesel cars fitted with the device.

"This landmark ruling is good news for getting cleaner air in Europe," said Jens Müller, the air quality coordinator at Transport & Environment, an umbrella group of NGOs. Volkswagen admitted that about 11 million diesel vehicles worldwide were fitted with the deceptive software. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS



AFGHANISTAN

US Joint Chiefs chair meets with Taliban

The top US general held unannounced talks with Taliban peace negotiators in the Persian Gulf to urge a reduction in violence across Afghanistan, even as senior American officials in Kabul warned that stepped-up Taliban attacks endanger the militant group's nascent peace negotiations with the Afghan government. Army General Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, met for about two hours with Taliban negotiators in Doha, Qatar, on Tuesday and flew Wednesday to Kabul to discuss the peace process with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. Although Milley reported no breakthrough, his Taliban meetings represent a remarkable milestone — America's top general coming face-to-face with representatives of the group that ruled Afghanistan until it was ousted 19 years ago this month.

VIETNAM

Human trial of vaccine begins

A Vietnamese pharmaceutical company began testing a coronavirus vaccine on volunteers in Hanoi on Thursday, as developing countries jostle with richer nations to access affordable inoculations. Nanogen's Nanocovax is one of four under development in Vietnam, and a company representative said it is expected to cost around $5 a dose. Three volunteers received the jab on Thursday and will be monitored for 72 hours at the Vietnam Military Medical University. Nguyen Ngo Quang from the health ministry said 60 participants will receive the vaccine in the first phase.

SRI LANKA

Virus patient gives birth to quadruplets after surgery by 19 docs

Sri Lankan doctors performed emergency surgery Thursday to save a pregnant Covid-19 patient, delivering quadruplets who tested negative for the virus. The 25-year-old woman was rushed into a Caesarean-section surgery to deliver the babies prematurely as her condition deteriorated, the director at the De Soysa maternity hospital, Sagarika Kiriwandeniya, said. "We had to deliver the babies before full term because the mother was developing complications," Kiriwandeniya told reporters in Colombo. "The mother and her four babies are in a stable condition but under intensive care." The hospital assembled a team of 35 medical staff, including 19 doctors, to perform the procedure on the woman, who was in her 32nd week of pregnancy.

EXPRESS READ

Alibaba pushed tech that identifies Uighurs

China tech giant Alibaba offered face-recognition software that could enable users to identify Uighurs, a report said, making it the latest Chinese company embroiled in the country's controversial treatment of the Muslim minority. Alibaba's website for its cloud-computing business showed how clients could use the software to detect the facial features of Uighurs and other ethnic minorities within images and videos, according to *The New York Times*.

Sweden failed to protect elderly from virus: King

Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf says he believes his country has failed to protect the elderly in care homes from the effects of the pandemic. "I think we have failed. We have a large number who have died and that is terrible. It is something we all suffer with," the monarch said. His comments followed the conclusions presented Tuesday by an independent commission that looked into Sweden's handling of the pandemic. It said that elderly care in Sweden has major structural shortcomings.

Unicef to feed hungry kids in UK for 1st time

LONDON

THE British government faced criticism on Wednesday after it emerged a UN agency is helping to feed hungry children as part of its first ever UK emergency response.

The opposition Labour party said it was "a disgrace" that a grant from UN children's agency UNICEF was helping fund breakfast for nearly 2,000 struggling families over the Christmas school holidays.

"We are one of the richest countries in the world," said Labour's deputy leader Angela Rayner, adding "it should have never come to this".

"Our children should not have to rely on humanitarian charities that are used to operating in war zones and in response to natural disasters."

The ruling Conservatives have already faced severe criticism and been forced to U-turn over the provision of free meals to the poorest children during school holidays.

That followed a high-profile campaign by Manchester United and England footballer Marcus Rashford during the coronavirus pandemic.

The UNICEF grant of £25,000 ($33,700, 27,700 euros) will be spent by several non-profit organisations in Southwark, south London. They will receive 18,000 breakfasts, which will be distributed by schools for two weeks, and the programme will also provide 6,750 breakfasts over the February half-term break. *AFP*

10 US states allege Google & FB rigged ad market

DALLAS

TEN US states have brought a lawsuit against Google, accusing the search giant of "anti-competitive conduct" in the online advertising industry, including a deal to manipulate sales with rival Facebook.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced the suit, which was filed in a federal court in Texas, saying Google is using its "monopolistic power" to control pricing of online advertisements, fixing the market in its favor and eliminating competition.

"This Goliath of a company is using its power to manipulate the market, destroy competition, and harm you, the consumer," Paxton said.

Google, which is based in Mountain View, California,

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton | AP

called Paxton's claims "meritless" and said the price of online advertising has fallen over the last decade.

"These are the hallmarks of a highly competitive industry," the company said in statement. "We will strongly defend ourselves from (Paxton's) baseless claims in court."

Final stretch in Covid-19 relief bill negotiations

US Congressional negotiators on the long-delayed $900 billion Covid-19 economic relief package worked through a handful of remaining holdups Thursday as they labored to seal a final agreement for more help to businesses ($300 billion) and the unemployed ($300-per-week) and new $600 stimulus payments to most Americans.

Paxton led a bipartisan coalition of 50 US states and territories that announced last year they were investigating Google's business practices, citing "potential monopolistic behavior." Now Texas is bringing the suit along other Republican attorneys general from Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah. The complaint targets the heart of Google's business — the digital ads that generate nearly all of its revenue, as well as all the money that its corporate parent, Alphabet Inc., depends upon to help fund a range of far-flung tech projects.

As more marketers have increased their spending online, those digital ads have turned Google into a moneymaking machine. And now the states contend Google intends to use its alleged stranglehold on digital ads to choke off other avenues of potential competition and innovation.

The company struck an illegal deal with Facebook, a major competitor for ads, to manipulate advertising auction, according to the complaint. *AP*

THE TOP 1%

Tax cuts for rich fuel inequality, don't trickle down: Study

LONDON

CASH-STRAPPED nations seeking to restore virus-ravaged finances should not be "unduly worried" about economic fallout from taxing the rich, a study found this week.

The research paper, penned by the London School of Economics (LSE) and King's College London (KCL), concluded that tax cuts for the richest members of society generate greater inequality and do not stimulate economic growth.

"Our results might be welcome news for governments as they seek to repair the public finances after the Covid-19 crisis, as they imply that they should not be unduly concerned about the economic consequences of higher taxes on the rich," said KCL public policy lecturer Julian Limberg.

The research appeared to pour cold water on so-called "trickle down economics" policies that right-wing governments insist help to redistribute wealth from the top down.

The paper underscored that taxation on the rich has been falling in developed nations over the last 50 years – particularly in the 1980s. "Our research shows that the economic case for keeping taxes on the rich low is weak," added David Hope, who is a visiting fellow at the LSE and a political lecturer at KCL.

"Major tax cuts for the rich since the 1980s have increased income inequality, with all the problems that brings, without any offsetting gains in economic performance."

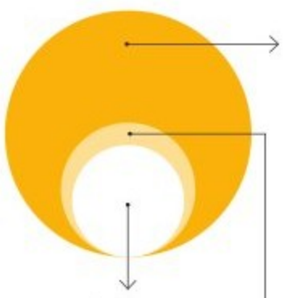
The report analysed five decades of data from 18 advanced nations in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to calibrate the impact of tax giveaways for the wealthiest.

"We find that major reforms reducing taxes on the rich lead to higher income inequality as measured by the top 1.0 percent share of pre-tax national income," the study said.

"In contrast, such reforms do not have any significant effect on economic growth and unemployment." *AFP*

UK's cronyism during the pandemic

At the beginning of Covid-19, Britain went on a spending spree to get PPE, ventilators and other supplies. But much of the funds went to firms that were politically connected or had no experience, *The New York Times* reported



$11 bn

The value of known pandemic-related UK contracts awarded between Jan & Nov is $22 billion. About half of that ($11 bn) went to companies that have political heft, controversial pasts and no prior relevant experience

$5 bn

went to politically-connected firms. Some of them had donated to the Conservative Party while others had former ministers and advisers on staff

$6 bn

to firms with no prior experience in PPE. *The Times* says "fashion designers, pest controllers and jewelers won lucrative contracts"

Source: *The New York Times* analysed about 1,200 government contracts, based on information compiled by research firm Tussell

$5 bn went to companies with controversial records, such as tax fraud, corruption and human rights abuses

$2-$3 Several firms that won contracts had only declared assets of $2-$3 each

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
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FM hints at aggressive privatisation, spending

Says Centre will better the pace of public expenditure going forward

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ASSERTING that the government will not shy away from taking strong decisions, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said that the Centre will move ahead with its aggressive divestment policy and continue to roll out strong reforms.

"(This is) a government which is looking at progressive reforms, a government which does not shy away from taking very strong decisions. And a government which has made very clear that the disinvestment agenda, for which the cabinet has given clearance, will go on," she said addressing the annual general meeting of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC). "Even during the pandemic, our efforts to disinvest some of those big companies are going on fine. The EoIs have come in, the next stage is going on... I expect DIPAM to be able to prove that they are even more actively engaging in those disinvestments for which Cabinet has already given approval," she said.

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Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance minister

The Cabinet has approved the strategic sale and transfer of management control in over 25 public sector companies, including those such as Air India , BPCL, Pawan Hans, Scooters India, Bharat Earth Movers Ltd (BEML), Shipping Corporation, and Cement Corporation.

While the Centre's ambitious target of raising ₹2.01 lakh crore through divestments this fiscal year had suffered an upset due to the outbreak of Covid, it has reinitiated the sale process for BPCL and Air India, and the listing of LIC.

Hinting at a growth-oriented Union Budget come February, Sitharaman said that no amount of goverment intervention was adequate for the pandemic-hit economy, but assured the business community that public expenditure will continue—particularly for the infrastructure sector.

"Public expenditure will continue and at a better pace. Public expenditure—meaning capital expenditure from the public sector undertakings—particularly for infrastructure, will be kept up," she said.

Sitharaman also added that with the tax concessions that doled out by the government, several sovereign funds and pension funds are now keen to invest in infrastructure projects outlined in the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP). Earlier in the day, she also held pre-budget consultations with representatives of the social sector along with top officials.

Spectrum auction to widen telco debt

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY
@ New Delhi

TOP bankers expect the liability level of India's telecom giants, which stands at about ₹3 lakh crore as of September this year, to expand as firms bid for 4G spectrum in the auctions set for March 2021. Airwaves worth an estimated ₹3.92 lakh crore are going under the hammer in this round.

"Most of the telecom firms remain highly leveraged but they will need to borrow to bid for these auctions. More debt without cash flow improvements could be troublesome, so banks would have to think many times before coughing up the money," said Sanjay Bhattacharyya, former managing director of the State Bank of India.

As of September 2020, Bharti Airtel had about ₹1.29 lakh crore in debt, and Vi about ₹1.7 lakh crore in net debt and dues to the Government. Reliance Jio is the only telco that has managed to turn debt-free, having sold nearly a third of its equity.

Bankers say that though upfront payments for spectrum would be far less, with the rest to be paid over 16 years, "this still represents a fat sum of nearly ₹1-1.5 lakh crore". To be able to access that kind of credit, firms would need strong corporate guarantees and stronger proof of cash flows. As of date, most telecom players in India are bleeding. Bharti Airtel reported a net loss of ₹763.20 crore in the quarter ended September 2020, while Vodafone Idea's net loss for the period was ₹7,218 crore. Excepting Airtel, no telecom firm recorded double digit revenue growth in the quarter.

This is possibly why many analysts expect the auctions to yield far less than the total worth of airwaves being offered. "We expect moderate participation in the upcoming uctions, largely limited to renewal of the expiries in the 800 MHz and 1800 MHz bands," said Ankit Jain, Assistant Vice President, ICRA. This would leave little participation in the 700 MHz band, according to the rating agency, which expects the auctions to fetch between "₹55,000-60,000 crore" for the exchequer, or about 15 per cent of the amount the Government is expecting.

EXPRESS READ

TaMo to buy partner's stake in TMML

New Delhi: Tata Motors on Thursday said that it will buy the 49 per cent stake held by its Brazilian partner Marcopolo in their bus-making joint venture Tata Marcopolo Motors (TMML) for ₹100 crore. Post the purchase, TMML will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Motors. All technologies pertaining to existing products will continue to vest with TMML.

IKEA to open Navi Mumbai store today

New Delhi: Furniture retailer IKEA will open its second store in the country in Navi Mumbai on Friday, and plans to invest around ₹6,000 crore in Maharashtra over the next 10 years. The new store is its first big format store in the state, spans over 5.3 lakh sq ft, and stocks over 7,000 home furnishing products. IKEA also plans to set up two city centre stores in Mumbai.

Axis Bank expects retail bad loans to increase during second half of fiscal

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIVATE sector lender Axis Bank on Thursday said that it expects to see a spike in non-performing assets (NPA) in the retail loans segment during the second half of the ongoing financial year. However, while pandemic-led job losses and salary cuts have hurt its retail portfolio, current figures are far better than what was expected when the crisis began.

"When we came off the moratorium, we saw slightly higher bouncing in September, which would be reflected in terms of gross bad loans in Q3 and Q4. But since then, there has been month-on-month improvement," said its head of retail lending Sumit Bali, adding that it has adequate provisions to deal with reverses.

However, the bank expects its retail asset quality to recover and go back to the pre-Covid levels in the next fiscal year.

Currently, the collection efficiency of the bank stands at 97 per cent. On the restructuring option introduced to relieve stress after the end of the moratorium, the bank said it has seen very few applications. Bali added however that the exact picture will be known only after the window closes on December 31.

The bank's Gross NPAs stood at 4.18 per cent of advances as on September 30, 2020 against 4.72 per cent at the end of the previous quarter. Retail advances increased 12 per cent at the end of September.

According to Ravi Narayanan, head of branch banking and retail liabilities, the bank has set aside an excess ₹12,540 crore in provisions for possible slippages or reverses, and has raised ₹10,000 crore in fresh capital to take the bank's overall capital adequacy to over 19 per cent, with a view to position itself for growth opportunities. According to officials, Axis Bank has been focusing largely on the secured assets front when it comes to new loans and has been conservative on loan-to-value ratios in the home loans and loan-against-property segment.

Bali also said it has been cautious while taking lending calls on people associated with deeply impacted sectors such as aviation, hospitality, and entertainment.

BUYOUT

BPCL to take over Oman Oil's stake in Bina

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HEADED for privatisation, the Board of state-owned Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) on Thursday approved a proposal to buy Oman Oil Company's stake in the Bina refinery project in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

BPCL holds 63.68 per cent stake in Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd (BORL), which built and operates a 7.8 million tonne oil refinery at Bina in MP. Oman Oil had recently expressed an interest to divest its stake in BORL. The JV had become a subsidiary of BPCL in March this year when it converted warrants into shares, taking the state-owned refiner's stake in the erstwhile equal joint venture to 63.38 per cent.

According to a statement, the board on Thursday "accorded its approval for acquisition of 88.86 crore (39.62 per cent) of equity shares in Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd from OQ S.A.O.C. (formerly known as Oman Oil Company) subject to finalisation of definitive agreement". A proposal to approach the Madhya Pradesh government for acquiring 2.69 crore warrants held by it in BORL was also given the go-ahead.

Besides this, BPCL's Board of Directors also decided to merge wholly-owned subsidiary "Bharat Gas Resources Ltd with BPCL". The oil marketing major had first incorporated BGRL as a seperate company in June 2018 for the handling of its natural gas business.

Currently, BGRL has won a licence to retail CNG to automobiles and piped natural gas to households and industries in 13 Geographical Areas.

Soaring power subsidies reflect discom weakness

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THE precarious state of India's power distribution companies can be seen in the sharp rise in state government subsidies to such companies over the past few years, even as sales and profitability have dipped.

According to a study by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), direct power tariff subsidies from state governments increased 32 per cent between FY2015-2016 and FY2018-19—reaching a massive ₹1.104 lakh crore. "This is 4.52 per cent of the total budget outlay for FY 2019; and 37.36 per cent of the budget allocated for defence expenditure in FY 2019," the study noted.

It also pointed out that "24 out of 31 Indian states showed a revenue gap in FY 2019, while none that provide subsidies have adhered to the rules on subsidized tariff limits set under the Centre's National Tariff Policy".

In tandem, sales revenue as a share of total expenditure has fallen 3 per cent during the same period. In such a situation, as discoms' dependence on subsidies rise, delays in subsidy payments have hit discom debt levels hard. "Annually since FY 2016, at least seven Indian state governments have delayed subsidy disbursements to electricity distribution companies, adding to the financial predicament of these companies," the report noted.

While the study makes recommendations, it notes that such measures to improve policy-making on subsidy allocation and targeting "can be implemented only if transparency and data reporting are considerably improved". "Only 13 states and UTs with subsidies clearly report subsidy data, with only seven reporting on subsidies by category. Further, data on 15 states and UTs show significant variation depending on the source of reporting," the study said.

TVS ILP set to raise growth capital from UK's state-owned CDC Group

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TVS Industrial and Logistics Parks (TVS ILP)—a 50:50 joint venture between TVS Supply Chain Solutions and Ravi Swaminathan Associates—announced on Thursday that it will raise growth capital from the CDC Group, the United Kingdom's publicly-owned impact investor. This is the first time that TVS ILP has raised institutional investment.

According to the company, CDC will become a significant minority shareholder in the business, but no financial details were disclosed.

R Dinesh, Director, TVS Industrial & Logistics Parks Pvt. Ltd, said, "To propel the company to the next level of growth, we feel bringing in a strategic investment partner is the ideal next step. TVS ILP and CDC have a similar vision to bring in the best-in-class environmental and sustainable practices to this industry hence, we are eagerly looking forward to this partnership."

TVS ILP has been providing investment-grade warehouses in underserved markets, helping to facilitate trade, and transport with efficient logistics facilities, according to an official statement.

"Our investment will create 3,000 construction jobs and support the creation of a further 500 jobs during warehouse operations. Constructed to EDGE advanced green building standards, the warehousing will also minimise greenhouse gas emissions and support climate change mitigation," said Srini Nagarajan, Managing Director and Head of Asia at CDC. Ravi Swaminathan, Director, TVS Industrial & Logistics Parks Pvt Ltd. added that partnership would be help promote transparency and governance in the sector.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹5,768

Target Price ₹5,830

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The Covid impact led to a 10% reduction in paid suppliers in 1QFY21, leading to a 50% drop in collections. However, collections have sharply rebounded. Given the strong momentum witnessed in 2Q, we expect a 12%/4% CAGR in paid suppliers/ARPU over FY20–23. We remain confident of strong fundamental growth in operations.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

Disclaimer: The views and recommendations made above are that of the individual analyst or broking company, and not that of *TNIE*

PRICEY DILEMMA

Automakers hike prices to offset rising input costs, demand to take a hit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FROM January 2021, cars, two-wheelers, and other categories of automobiles will become more expensive with automakers having decided to pass on rising input costs to the end consumer. Analysts note that the decision comes even as demand has taken a beating, and that while OEMs opt for a price hike of between 1-3 per cent every year, the impact is expected to be significantly higher this time around.

Automobile prices had already seen a sharp increase this April due to the transition to BS-VI emission standard and a further price hike will likely sour already weak demand, experts add.

Fitch Ratings, for instance, said that automakers' plans to pass on higher commodity prices to customers will dim the prospects for a demand recovery after December—once pent-up demand and the festive boost fade away.

Even as demand has witnessed a V-shaped recovery over the past few months, domestic auto sales for the April-November period remains 26 per cent lower than the previous year. Passenger vehicle sales are down 22 per cent while two-wheeler sales are down by 25 per cent.

"Q4FY21 is expected to witness lower demand for passenger vehicles sequentially as the pent up demand and festivities would end. Also, January 2021 onwards, OEMs are expected to hike prices for their models, to offset the rise in the input and commodity prices, which could negatively impact consumer demand," said Care Ratings in a recent note.

Two-wheeler maker Hero MotorCorp had said on Wednesday that due to the rise in input costs, it would increase prices by up to ₹1,500 from January 1, 2021. Kia Motors India, Hyundai India, Maruti Suzuki, and Mahindra & Mahindra have also announced price hikes beginning January 2021.

Cost of automobile ownership soaring

The past year has seen a sharp increase in the cost of ownership of automobiles with several changes resulting in a rise in vehicles prices. Not least of these changes was a hike in insurance premiums, a price increase driven by BS-VI upgradations, and the steady upward trajectory shown by domestic fuel prices.

CBRN Emergency Management Training held at Kolkata Airport

A three-day basic training in Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Emergency Management was conducted by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata, ending on December 17. The programme was inaugurated on December 15, by G V V Sarma, IAS, Member Secretary NDMA, in the presence of Dushyant Nariala, Principal Secy, Disaster Management & Civil Defence, WB Government and others.

GRSE-built stealth frigate Himgiri launched

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) has achieved a key milestone in the Project 17A with the launch of the first of three Stealth Frigates-"Himgiri"-last week. The ship was launched by Madhulika Rawat, wife of General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff who was the Chief Guest at the occasion. Rear Admiral VK Saxena, IN (Retd.), CMD, GRSE, Vice Admiral AK Jain, Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, Lt Gen Anil Chouhan, Army Commander, Eastern Command and other Senior Officials of GRSE and Indian Navy were present.

Business & Beyond

CLW speeds up all-round development

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) has ramped up all-round development with the new General Manager S K Kashyup issuing the necessary guidelines to speed up the process, the company said. After taking charge on November 26, Kashyup has undertaken systematic inspections of Chittaranjan and the ancillary unit at Dankuni along with senior officials. According to the statement, the GM has emphasised the need for cleanliness drives and also directed the speeding up of production capacity for quality electric locomotives.

Ravindra Kumar Jha takes over as MD, NINL

Ravindra Kumar Jha has taken charge as managing director, NINL beginning December 1, said the company in a statement. Jha graduated from BIT Sindri, Bihar in 1984 and started his career at Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited. At NINL, said he rose to the post of Executive Director (Works) in 2016 and vital works such as the capital repair of crucial units.

Union Bank of India inaugurates new FGM office in Bhubaneswar

The Union Bank of India has opened its new FGM office in Bermunda, Bhubaneswar, inaugurated by Manas Ranjan Biswal, Executive Director, Union Bank of India. The programme was also attended by Ramakanta Pradhan, FGM, Bhubaneswar Zone alongside other officials. The bank currently has 363 branches in the state of Odisha and six regional offices. After the bank's merger, its total business in the zone has reached ₹40,047 crore.

JSPL observes Int'l Day of Persons with Disabilities

"Asha the Hope", a rehabilitation and empowerment centre for children with special needs and differently-abled persons, observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities last week through various activities and commemorations. Run by JSPL Foundation at Angul, the center organised various competitions for the children to help in boosting their confidence. Shallu Jindal, Chairperson of JSPL Foundation, said, "Asha the Hope Centres have discharged commendable responsibility in building confidence among hundreds of Children and Persons with Special needs".

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **J. Narasimha Swamy,** S/o R.L. Jalappa, residing at A703, A Block, RMZ Galleria, Yelahanka, Bangalore North-560064 do hereby inform to the general public that I have lost my BDA Allotment Letter No. 076256 of Site No. 11, Rajmahal Vilas 2nd Stage, Sy. No.8/1, while shifting my residence to new Address from No. 1/471, 1st Main Road, NGEF Layout, Sanjaynagar Bangalore to above said present Residence Address. Inspite of best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 11-12-2020, I had lodged police complaint at Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, Vide Lost Report No. 161667/2020. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or to Sanjaynagar Police Station or contact on 9980336669, 9611322660.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public under the instruction of our client Sri Parthasarathy Vasanth S/o late M Parthasarath and Mrs. Geetha Vasanth W/o Parthasarathy r/at A-13, 2nd Floor Paramoungt Raghavendra Arista. Kundalahalli Gate, Varthur Main road, Bangalore 37 are the absolute owner in possession of the Western portion of the Flat No 4, formed in site 4/14, katha No 1150, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 456 feet of Jodi Pattandur Agrahara Village, K R Puram, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk bounded on East by: Site No 4/11, West by : 30 feet Road, North by : Site No 4/15 and South by : Site No 4/13 and the same has been purchased through registered sale deed dated 9.7.2003. If any person/s having right title and interest over the said property, they can forward objections to the undersigned counsel within 7 days from the date of publication.

R Shobha Shivarameshgowda, A. Shivarameshgowda, Advocates
015, Mkalibu Paloma Apartment,
Borewell Road, Whitefield, Bangalore 66

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the General Public that **S. Nagaraj S/o. Siddappa.L** Aged about 64 years & his Brother **Jagadish.S S/o. Siddappa.L** R/at Flat No. D-502, 5th Flour, Saaketh Hills, Site Gurudatta Lay out, Hosakerehalli, R.R.Nagara, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560085. Are intending purchase a schedule property from **1) Sri Mahadeva** S/o. Late Dyavegowda Aged about 51 years, **2) Smt Shivalingamma** W/o Mahadeva aged about 47 years, **3)Sri Rajesh.M** S/o Mahadeva aged about 30 years, **4) Smt Sudha M.N.** W/o Rajesh.M aged about 26 years, **5) Sri Mahesh.M** S/o Mahadeva aged about 28 years, **6) Sri Chethan.M** S/o Mahadeva aged about 26 years, **7) Smt Sundaramma** W/o Late Dyavegowda aged about 45 years,All are R/at Mariyappanadoddi village, Banni Mukkodlu post, Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District.If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim or holding the afore mentioned documents, shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **30 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Bearing old sy No.164 New Sy No. 164/3 M.R. No. B 20/2019-20 Measuring 4-04 (A/G) Four Acre & Four Guntas Situated **at Banni Mukkodlu Village, Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District** & Bounded on :

East : Property belongs to Kullegowda
West : Government Halla
North : Property belongs to Mahadeva
South : Property belongs to Thibbayya

Sri S. Nagaraj - 9880385807
Sri S. Jagadish - 9686199214

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, **RIYAZ AHMED .G. R.** S/o LATE ABDUL RAWOOF Aged About 62 years, **ISHRATH SULTHANA** W/o RIYAZ AHMED G. R. Aged About 51 Years. Both are residing at No. 30 (1/7), 1st Main Road, Bissmillah Nagar, Bangalore-560029, herewith purchasing residential vacant site bearing new Municipal No. 4 (Old No 82), Situated at 1st Cross Road, LIC Colony, Jayanagar 3rd Block East. Bangalore 560 011. PID No. 60-68-4, New Ward No. 169, Byrasandra, which is measuring East to West 45 Feet and North to South 40 Feet. totally measuring 1800 Sq Feet and bounded as follows : **East by :** Property belongs to K.M. SRINIVASA MURTHY, **West by :** Property belongs to S. ANANTHASWAMY, **North By :** Property belongs to Canara Bank Employees Co-op. Housing Society Ltd., **South by :** LIC Colony 1st Cross Road, From **M.G. VINAY KUMAR** S/o. M.G. GOPALA KRISHNAN, Aged about 40 years. Residing at : No. 533, BHEL Housing Society, 2nd Stage Extension, Pattanagere, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098. Anybody got any objection/s, kindly intimate along with necessary documents to my advocate within a **ONE MONTH**, from the date of this advertisement.

T.V. TAJPEER SAB, Advocate
No. 5, 1st Floor, Hameed Shah Complex,
Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-02

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE issued by LR'S of **J K SHARMA** unauthorized occupant/claiming that they have Purchased Darkasth Land in Sy No.243, Measuring 1 acre 39 Guntas Situated at Balluru Village Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore District vide sale deed dated: 15/03/1999 is based upon false, fabricated, concated, it to one's own use, having possession of a document, knowing it to be forged, fraudulent execution of deed of transfer and wrongfully in part possession, by criminally trespassing/ and also liable to be evicted under Eviction of Unauthorized occupants Act 1961. My client **NANDISH** Reserve liberty to Initiate action in court of law.

Originally unoccupied Darkasth Land bearing old **Sy No.184, New Phoned No.243,** measuring **1 Acre 39 Guntas and 01 Guntas kharab** with all standing structure was allotted under SC/ ST Rules and Regulation to BUDDAGA S/o BALLURA a schedule caste vide order SDI(S No.B4 SS 3799/3940 dated: 16/01/1940. A Sagauli chit demarcating land and possession was delivered with occupancy right transferable & heritable.

The RTC for the period from 1940 till 2001 in column No.9 reflects the owner name as Buddaga (SC) who died intestate living behind his LR'S the Encumbrance obtained from the period 1-4-1954 till 5-12-19 reflect that neither Buddaga nor Their Legal Heirs have sold the above land to third party but devolved upon their family members by succession who are the sole, absolute owner, having all revenue records, standing in NANDISH name who has Good, valid, clear marketable, alienable right & title.

You are hereby warned not to issue such Misleading notices falling which my clients shall initiate criminal/civil action for the above offences the said granted land/Title of schedule caste has remained unchallenged in the revenue records from 1940 till date. Neither NANDISH is a party in WA 374/19 nor is SLP 37092/19 nor any order passed binding on him.

Sd/-
S. JAYANTH *Advocate*
Roll No. 174/90,
39, 7th Cross, Wilson Garden,
Bangalore-560 027.
Phone No. 9880484175
EmailId:**Jayanthreddy@gmail.com**

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-II, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana State-500004

e- TENDER NOTICE

e -Tender Notice No. & Date	Name of Work	Approximate Estimate Contract Value (in Crores)
EP.No.06/CGM(E)/ PCC-II/ STPs-Kukatpally Nala Catchment/ 2020-21, Dt: 17.12.2020 (2nd Call)	Construction of 17 STPs of 376.5 MLD capacity (decentralized) along River Musi and on Kukatpally Nala Catchment (Hussainsagar Lake Catchment) under Sewerage Improvement Project of Sewerage Master Plan of Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration Area under Hybrid Annuity Mode of Contract.	Rs.1081.00

(1) The bid documents download starts online from **Dated: 18.12.2020. (2)** Name and address of **Chief General Manager (Engg), concerned-Chief General Manager (Engg), Project Construction Circle-II, HMWSSB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad - 500004. (3)** The contractors/firms are requested to upload the information in the 'ZIP' format preferably. **(4)** Further details can be seen @ **http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-II, Khairatabad, Hyderabad, Telangana State-500004.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC MALLESHWARAM(41161) No.97, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore -560020
Ph: 080 25943732, 25943720. Fax: 080 25943729/3730 Email Id: racpc.bz1@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANACIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT')

A Notice is hereby given that the below mentioned Borrowers have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and address of the Borrower: 1)Sri. Gurpreet Singh, S/o Sri. Jagdeo Singh, **2) Smt. Manpreet Singh,** W/o Sri. Gurpreet Singh Both are residing at: 'A' 804, 'Galaxy Orchid Dark Apts', Sy.No. 130/P, Seegehalli, Near Shell Petro Bunk, Bangalore – 560066. And also at: **(i)** Flat No. 401, 4th Floor, 'G' Block, 'Mera Homes Apartment', Sy.No. 118/2, 132, 133, Seegehalli Village, Bangalore – 560066. **(ii)** G-14, Gurudwara Campus, Saharpura, Sindri, Dhanbad-828122. **(iii)** Sri. Gurpreet Singh Unisys Global Services SJR Tech Park EPIP Area, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066.

Account No: HTL-33355690788

Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs.49,14,144/- (Rupees Forty nine lakhs fourteen thousand one hundred and forty four only) as on **02.12.2020** and you are also liable to pay future interest from **03.12.2020** at contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

NPA Date: 30.11.2020 **Demand Notice Date: 02.12.2020**

Description of the Immovable Properties: SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY (Entire Property) All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Survey Nos.118/2, 132 and 133, now bearing Seegehalli Gram Panchayat, Khatha No.791, measuring an extent of 5 Acre 19.35 Guntas equivalent to 2,38,872 Sq.ft., situated at Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and which is bounded on: East by: Road and remaining portion of Survey Nos.132, 133 and 134, West by: Property of Major Govinda Swamy in Survey No. 118/3, North by: Property in Survey Nos. 131 and 118/5, South by: Portion of Survey No.134 and Cart Track.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: (Property hereby conveyed/sold) (I) An undivided right, title, interest and share in the land equal to 494 Square Feet in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property.

(II) Residential Apartment No. 401, V.P Katha No.791/G401, Property ID No.150200401700521483, on Fourth Floor, in G-Block, in the Building named and known as "MERA HOMES", constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property, measuring 1645 Square Feet of super built up area with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owners equally, along with common rights in respect of common areas and amenities with one covered Car Parking Area in the basement floor.

The building is constructed with brick and cement wall, RCC Roofing, vitrified/mosaic tiles flooring, jungle wood doors, steel windows, with electricity, water and sanitary facility.

The said apartment is provided with the amenities like Swimming Pool with Toddler Bay, Table Tennis, Club House, Basketball Hoop, Party Hall, Badminton Court, Well Equipped Gym, Sauna, Steam and Jacuzzi, Tennis Court, Squash Court, Landscaped Garden, Snooker Table, Reading Area.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.You are also put on notice that in terms of sub-section 13 of Section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule "C" Part II of this notice without obtaining written consent of the Bank.

Date : 17.12.2020
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A.P. Greening and Beautification Corporation

Plot No.30, Road No.4, Sector No.4, Lotus Landmark, Ayodhya Nagar, Kedarishwarpet, Vijayawada-520003
E-mail: apugbcloffice@mail.com Phone No.0866-2931877

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP No.APUG-15024/21/2020-TECH SEC-APUGBC/2020-2021, Dt:16/12/2020

Proposals are invited from interested and eligible architectural firms for providing architectural consultancy services through Design competition for the work of "Development of Dr.YSR Gardens at Polavaram Project, Andhra Pradesh".

The RFP document showing details of scope of work and deliverables can be downloaded from the website www.urbangreening.ap.gov.in from 18.12.2020 from 09:00 AM and the last date and time for submission of bids is 24.12.2020 upto 5:00 PM.

Sd/- Chandra Mohan Reddy N, MD (NCMR), O/o Managing Director-APUG&BC

DIPR No.509PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21, Dt.17/12/2020

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(O/o CE/TS, B-1, Shakti Vihar, Patiala)

OPEN e-Tender Notice

Online Tenders are invited for the supply of the following material as per Tender Specification No.220/2020 of PSPCL:-

Manufacturing, Testing and supply of Battery Charger of following ratings	Qty. (Nos.)	Enquiry No. / Year	Last date & time for downloading of tender	Last date & time for Bid submission	Date & time of opening of Bids
220V-100AH	38	220/2020	28.12.2020 11.00 AM	29.12.2020 11.00 AM	30.12.2020 11.30 AM
24V-100AH	12				

EMD : 1,05,220/-
Minimum EMD : 26,310/-

Detailed NIT and Specification may be downloaded from PSPCL e-tendering website **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in**.

The prospective bidders may contact customer care of above cited portal in case of any difficulty.

It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, No CORRIGENDUM will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL e-tendering website **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in**.

492/C-373/2020 - 17.12.2020 **Dy. CE/Sub-Station Design**
DPR/I/119236/2020 **PSPCL, Patiala.**

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022
CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553

CAD-928 **E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO.-CPC-14/2020-21**

For and on behalf of **Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited(OPTCL), Sr. General Manager (CPC)** invites Tenders from reputed textile manufacturers in two part bidding system for Supply of the Uniform Fabrics for the employees of OPTCL as per the following details.

Tender Specification No.	Description of Item	Quantity	Last Date & Time of Submission Of Bid	Date & Time of Opening of Techno Commercial Bid
SR.GM-CPC-e-Tender-Uniform Fabrics of OPTCL-14/2020-21	Shirting Fabrics as per specification (Including 2CM X 3CM embroided Corporate Logo)	7150 Pieces	Dt.11.01.2021 up to 13.00 Hrs (IST)	On Dt.12.01.2021 at 13.00Hrs (IST)
	Suiting Fabrics as per Specification	7150 Pieces		

The interested bidders would be required to enroll themselves on the tender portal **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL.** Complete set of bidding documents are available at **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** from **19.12.2020 (11:00 Hrs)** to **11.01.2021 (12:30 Hrs)**. Interested Bidders may visit OPTCL's official website **http://www.optcl.co.in** & **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** for detail specification.

N.B.: All subsequent addendums/corriegendum to the tender shall be hosted in the OPTCL's official website: **http://www.optcl.co.in** and **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** only.

HIPR-19/2020-21 Sd/- SR.GENERAL MANAGER (CPC) OIPR 04011/11/0063/2021

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CLARA ARUNACHALAM,** aged about 44 years, W/o Chandra Kumar, R/at No.17, 18th Cross Road, Laxshmipuram, Ulsoor Post, Bengaluru-560008, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SARALA ARUNACHALAM** to **CLARA ARUNACHALAM,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **CLARA ARUNACHALAM** only, vide affidavit dated 16.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **C.V. EARAPPA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ramesh B Phadke, S/o Late B A Phadke, Aged about 47 years, Residing at Flat No.3, Suraksha Enclave Apartment, 5th Main Road, Dwaraka Nagar, I.A.F Post, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063, have changed my daughter's name from Swati to **Swati R Phadke (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 07.12.2020 sworn before notary S.Sanjeeva Rao, Advocate.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS "THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS"

TENDER NOTICE NO S/2020/35

The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquarter 4th floor, Near Jawahar Circle, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur - 302017 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tenders on www.ireps.gov.in site as follows. All the E-tenders will be closed at 14.25 hrs.

No	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty	Unit	Due Date
1	40200045A	Hermetically Sealed Compressor	137	Nos.	22.12.2020
2	30203176	Intercar Gangway Mounting	128	set	10.12.2020
3	40201762A	2Watt, LED Retrofit Type Lamp Suitable to use in existing 25watt,	19017	Nos.	05.01.2021
4	30203043	Knuckle to RDSO DRG. No. SK-62724 ALT-28 ITEM-2	1610	Nos.	12.01.2021

Note: (1), Interested tenderers may visit the website for full details/description/specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. (2) For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 25 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders , please visit www.ireps.gov.in

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Please join us on /NWRailways

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Joint Commissioner (East)
Dickenson Road, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru

No.: J.C(E)/DAY-NULM/PR/114/2020-21 Date : 11-12-2020

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Sub : Opening of Centres for Urban Homeless in BBMP East Zone Limits.

Ref : Letter from Additional Commissioners (Admin) No.: K(C)/NULM/ 02/2018-19, Dated: 19.12.2018

Applications are invited from the interested voluntary organizations, religious institutions and other property owners, for providing buildings on rent basis (at SR Rates) for opening of Centers for Urban Homeless in 44 wards of East Zone limits under Dinadayal Antyodaya Scheme-National Urban Livelihood Mission Project.

1) The Building should have rooms with provision of adequate light and Air. 2) Should have water facility with sanitation. 3) Should have bathroom and toilet facility. 4) Lighting Facility. 5) Building should be of minimum area of 2500 Sqft.

Buildings along with above facilities closer to railway station, bus stands and markets will be given priority.

Interested voluntary organizations, religious institutions and other property owners are requested to submit applications to the Office of the Joint Commissioner (East), Welfare Department, Dickenson Road, Mayo Hall Bengaluru.

Sd/- Joint Commissioner (East), BBMP

COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWSS DIVISION, KORAPUT

E-mail-eerwss_kpt@nic.In, ph.No. 06852-250281(Off)
Ph.No. 06852-250680 (Res), fax.No.06852-251098.

National Competitive Bidding Through E-Procurement
Tender Identification No.9/EE/RWSS/KPT/2020-21/11.12.2020

O-750: The Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Koraput on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate Bids in Double cover (P1 contract) from the eligible class of experienced registered contractors through e-Tendering system for the Piped water supply works as detailed in DTCN. The bid should be submitted on-line in the website **www.tenderorissa.gov.in** separately for the works.

1.	Nature of work.	Rural piped water supply work(Civil)
2.	Estimated Cost.	Varies from 6.20 Lakhs to 139.40 lakhs
3.	No. of works	13nos.
4.	Tender cost	Rs.4000/- to 10000/-
5.	Class of Contractor.	"D" ,"C" , "B" & "A"
6.	Availability of Bid document in the web site	Dt. 24.12.2020 17 hours to 2.1.2021 17 hours.
7.	Date of Seeking clarification.	During the Office hours of 24.12.2020 to 1.1.2021
8.	Date of Opening of Bid.	Dt. 4.1.2021 at 11 hours

Further details can be seen in the bidding documents which is available in the e-procurement portal **https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in** subsequent corrigendum if required shall be appeared in the web site Authority reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RWS&S.Division, Koraput OIPR 25034/11/0009/2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, P.C.GOPINATHAN NAIR, S/o. Late. Chellapan Nair P.K., aged 73 yrs, R/o. No.10A, 1st Cross, Doctor's Colony, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru - 560062, have changed my name from **P.C.GOPINATH** (Old Name) to **P.C.GOPINATHAN NAIR** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 14-12-2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary, Ambreshappa, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANURAG JOSHI,** S/o Ramanand Joshi, aged about 29 years, R/at Flat No.TG-11, Paramount Raghvendra Arisht, Near Star Bazaar, Kundalahalli Gate, Marathhalli Post, Bengaluru-560038, have changed my name form **ANURAG JOSHI** to **ASHFAQ,** vide affidavit dated 07.07.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **K.V. JAGANNATH REDDY,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ramesh B Phadke, S/o Late B A Phadke, Aged about 47 years, Residing at Flat No.3, Suraksha Enclave Apartment, 5th Main Road, Dwaraka Nagar, I.A.F Post, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063, have changed my son name from Swastik to **Swastik R Phadke (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 07.12.2020 sworn before notary S.Sanjeeva Rao, Advocate.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) ACCAMAHADEVI, W/o. Bopanna.B.B., residing at Flat No. 307, Abhivrudhi Enclave, Gopalkrishna Layout, Subramanyapura, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) AKKAMADEVI.B.B.,** vide affidavit Dated 10/12/2020 sworn before Notary Prakash.C., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARATI SANTOSH PATIL,** aged 44 yrs, W/o, Santosh Ramesh Patil, R/a, Brigade Orchards Aspen, A-402, Budigere Road, Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural District - 562110, have changed my name from **ARATI SANTOSH PATIL** to **ARATI RAVINDRA LENGADE** vide affidavit dated: 16-12-2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary, S.P.Gandhi,Devanahalli.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **EPEIWANGLE ZELIANG,** R/at No.24, Nanjappa Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027, have changed my name from **EPEIWANGLE ZELIANG** to **AYESHA SIDDIQHA,** vide affidavit dated 16.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **MOHAMED ARSHED AHMED,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DURGA DEVI .A,** D/o. E. Ashok Kumar, Aged about 27 years, presently residing at Bengaluru, have changed my name from **DURGA DEVI .A** to **ZUNAIRAH FATHIMA.** Vide affidavit dated 18.12.2019 sworn before Advocate & Notary N. Nagappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NAGAJYOTHI, W/o. Raju Enamadi Narasimhaiah, residing at Ramaraju Residency, No. 201, K.R.Layout, 1st Cross, J.P.Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) JYOTHI ENAMADI RAJU** vide affidavit Dated 16/12/2020 sworn before Notay Hemalatha.P., Bangalore.

NAME DECLARATION

I, **PREETESH C JAIN,** aged about 21 years, S/o Chandra Prakash, R/at No.175, 4th Floor, K.S.S Lane, Huriopet, Avenue Road Cross, Bangalore 560002.

I hereby declare that my name is called as **PREETESH C JAIN and PREETESH JAIIN** these both names are belongs to me only. In future my name called as **PREETESH JAIIN,** vide Affidavit dated 15.12.2020 sworn to before Notary **Prakash C,** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VASUPRADA KAIPA, W/o. VIJAY PRAKASH, Residing at No.900, 1st Floor, Shree Mahal, 10th 'A' Cross, RBI Layout, Near Big Bazaar, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078, Karnataka, India, have changed my name to VASUPRADA VIJAY, for all purposes vide affidavit dated 15/12/2020 before Notary D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRATHIMA S.R.,** W/o Sri. Pramod Raj S R, residing at No.2092/4, First Floor, 36th Cross, East End 'B' Main Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bengaluru-560069, have changed my name as **PRATHIMA S.P.,** vide affidavit dated 17-12-2020 before Notary Public **H.S. DHARMA PRASAD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) BUNDI MAHAMMAD RAFIQ, S/o. Bandi Mastan Sab, residing at No. 21, 13th Cross, Behind Shoe Factory, Govindapura, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) BANDI MAHAMMAD RAFIQ** vide affidavit Dated 17/12/2020 sworn before Notary Prakash.C., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) LUCY D'SOUZA, residing at No. #126, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Pai Layout, Hulimavu, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LUCY D'SOUZA** to **(NEW NAME) MONICA ZAVIER** vide affidavit Dated 17/12/20 sworn before Notary Aravind Patil.G.G., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VASUPRADA VIJAY, W/o. VIJAY PRAKASH, Residing at No.900, 1st Floor, Shree Mahal, 10th 'A' Cross, RBI Layout, Near Big Bazaar, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078, Karnataka, India, have changed my minor daughter's name from KAIPA SAI SHRAVANI to ANAGHA VIJAY, vide affidavit dated 15/12/2020, sworn before notary D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Yasha Banthia,** aged about 25 years, W/o. Mr. Krishna Poddar, D/o. Mr. Gajendra Kumar Jain, presently residing at No. 701, Richmond Place, 32 Convent Road, (Opp. to Golds Gym), Bengaluru - 560 025, have changed my name from **Yasha Banthia** to **Yasha Poddar.** Vide affidavit dated 14.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Aravind Patil G.G., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) MUNIYAMMA, W/o. Kumar, residing at No. 7, Venkatesh Building, Electronic City, Phase 1, Konappana Agrahara, Bangalore-560100, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SNEHA MUNISWAMI** vide affidavit Dated 15/12/2020 sworn before Notary Prakash.C., Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

"It is for general information that I, **ABINAASHREE .K,** D/o B. KANAGAACHALAM, R/o. Flat No. 108, IHFD Apartment, No.11, Vasavi Temple Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560004, Karnataka, declare that my name has been wrongly written as **ABINAASHREE KANAGAACHALAM** in my Secondary Certificate. The actual full name of mine is **ABINAASHREE .K** respectively, which may be amended accordingly, vide affidavit dated 17.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **N. NAGAPPA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VASUPRADA VIJAY, W/o. VIJAY PRAKASH, Residing at No.900, 1st Floor, Shree Mahal, 10th 'A' Cross, RBI Layout, Near Big Bazaar, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase,Bangalore-560078, Karnataka, India, have changed my minor daughter's name from KAIPA VARSHINI to ANANYA VIJAY, vide affidavit dated 15/12/2020, sworn before notary D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **Sri. C. SREEKANTH REDDY,** S/o. C. Ramana Reddy, Aged about 35 years and **Smt. PAVITHRA YANAMALA,** W/o. C. Sreekanth Reddy, Aged about 33 years, Both are residing at No. 29, Sai Vaibhav, 5th Main Road, Royal Shelters, Devarachikkanahalli, Bangalore - 560 076, have changed our son name from **C. NAVADEEP REDDY** to **C. NITESH REDDY.** Vide affidavit dated 17.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Harisha G., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MALINI SURESH.K,** Residing at #180, Vrushabha, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Vidyagiri Layout, Near Nagarbhavi, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-560072, have changed the name of my Minor Daughter from **THRUPTHI.C.S** to **SANDRA.C.S** Vide Affidavit Dated: 16/12/2020 Before Notary N. Kanchivaradharaju, Bengaluru.

DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I

No. 4, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building,
Residency Road, Bangalore-25

OA No.1017/2019

BETWEEN:

HDFC Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Golden Towers, Next to Golden Enclave, Old Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017. **..Applicant**

AND

1. Mr. Murali A., Residing at 'Divine', No. 520, Maruthi Layout, Vasanthapura Main Road, Bangalore - 560 061.

Also at: Mr. Murali A., No. 42, Akshaya, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar Kalyana Co-Op Layout, Jnana Bharathi 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 061. **...Defendant**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of **Rs.23,00,200.45** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Two Hundred and Paise Forty Five Only) together with current and future interest and other relief's.

The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **29.04.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **02.12.2020**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I

No. 4, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building,
Residency Road, Bangalore-25

OA No.1019/2019

BETWEEN:

HDFC Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Golden Towers, Next to Golden Enclave, Old Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017. **..Applicant**

AND

1. Mr. Nagaraju Seelam, S/o. Mr. Balakotaiah Seelam, Residing at No. 203, Kutrees Avalon, NR Pragati-Club, K.G. F. Munireddy Layout, Mahadevapura Extension, NR More Megastore, Bangalore - 560 048.

Also at : Mr. Nagaraju Seelam, Door No. 4-75, Avulavaripalem, Somarajupalli, Singarayakonda, Prakasam, Andrapradesh - 523 101. **...Defendant**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of **Rs. 21,29,262.87** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Two and Paise Eighty Seven Only) together with current and future interest and other relief's.

The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **26.04.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **12.12.2020**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding the revocation of the General Power Of Attorney

We, 1) **Mr. AMEER PASHA,** S/o. Late K.C Abdul Rahim, 2) **Mr. MASOOD SUHEEL,** S/o. Late Hassan Mohammed Yusuf Pasha, 3) **Mr. DASTAGIR PASHA,** S/o. Mahaboob Pasha, 4) **Mr. ABDUL NAHID,** S/o Abdul Jabbar, 5) **Mr. IMTIYAZ AHMED,** S/o. Late Abdul Basith, 6) **Mr. ANZAR PASHA** S/o. Ameer Pasha, 7) **Mr. B.HABEEB,** S/o. Late Badan Sab 8) **Mrs. RABIYA HARAMAIN** D/o. Mr. Mohammed Suheel all are Residing at R.T Nagar, Bangalore -560 32, we are the absolute owner of the schedule property and had earlier executed the General Power of attorney which is duly notarized at Bangalore & appointed **Mr. MOHAMED RAFI,** aged about 60 years, Son of Late Mohammed Khasim, to act on the schedule property on our behalf, now we have revoked the said GPA through this public notice through Paper publication & Mr. Mohammed Rafi has executed Deed Declaration that he has released his rights title interest in respect of schedule property & the above said owner has sold the schedule property to **SYED MURTUZA AMEEN.**

It is hereby instructed to the public that not to do any kind of transaction with the GPA Holder **Mr. Mohammed Rafi** in the respect of the schedule property, if any third party create any kind of interest through this GPA from here onward it is been void and it will not be binding on us & the said purchaser and in spite of it anybody does such transaction will not be binding on us and our purchaser **Mr. Syed Murtuza Ameen.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the part and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No.19,** Portion of the **Assessment No.98/5, Katha No.98/5/19,** Previously Situated at RACHENAHALLI VILLAGE, K.R PURAM Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (formerly Bangalore South Taluk), now comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No.6, Measuring :- **East to West : 60 Feet, North to South : 40 Feet,** Totally measuring : 2400 Square Feet, Bounded on the: **East By :** Private Property, **West By :** Road, **North By :** Site No.18, **South By :** Site No.20.

Naushad Ali Khan, Advocate
Khan & Khan's Advocate & Associates
#11, Coffee Board colony, shampur Main Road,
Opp axis bank Atm A.C Post Bangalore -45
Cell : 8867931573/99728 85063

DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I

No. 4, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building,
Residency Road, Bangalore-25

OA No.1433/2019

BETWEEN:

HDFC Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Golden Towers, Next to Golden Enclave, Old Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017. **..Applicant**

AND

1. Mr. V.C. Somnath, S/o. Mr. Viralam Chandrashekar, Residing at No. 175, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, 3rd Phase, 5th Block, Near Kamakya Theater, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 085.

Also at : Mr. V. C. Somnath, Proprietor, M/s. Prathams, No. 1478, DRLS PLAZA, Tumkur Road, Peenya Dasarahalli, Bangalore - 560 057.

2. Mrs. Rashmi Somnath, W/o. Mr .V. C. Somnath, Residing at No. 175, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main, 3rd Phase, 5th Block, Near Kamakya Theater, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 085. **...Defendant**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of **Rs. 44,60,640.79** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Forty and Paise Seventy Nine Only) together with current and future interest and other relief's.

The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **22.02.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **08.12.2020**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore

Karnataka Bank Ltd.

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Asset Recovery Management Branch, No.39/2, 2nd Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, Opp.FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **21-03-2020** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagor/guarantor **(1).Mrs. Veena Girish, W/o** Mr. Girish R, **(2) Mr. Girish R, S/o Mr. Rachappa R, No.1 & 2 are addressed at :** No. 159, 7th B Main Road, Kalyan Co-operative Society, 2nd Stage, Hampi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560040, **No.1 & 2 are also addressed at: Address no. 1:** Flat No. 407, 4th Floor, "7 Hills Paradise", Municipal No 1228, Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore – 560067, **Address no. 2:** #72, "Nele", 2nd Floor, Nagadevanahalli Main Road, Nagarbhavi Post, Bangalore – 560056 to repay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.19,45,830.50 [Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty and Fifty Paise only], i.e. Rs.14,98,255.50 [Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Five and Fifty Paise only] under PSTL A/c 0837001800725401 and Rs.4,47,575.00 [Rupees Four Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Five only] under TL A/c No. 0837001600779901** along with future interest from **11.03.2020** and **14.03.2020** respectively, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, mortgagor and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagor, guarantor and the public in general that the **undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this **16th day of December-2020.**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd., Bengaluru – Kasturba Road Branch for an aggregate amount of Rs.20,26,997.50 [Rupees Twenty Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven and Fifty Paise only] i.e. Rs.15,62,407.50 [Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred Seven and Fifty Paise only] under PSTL A/c 0837001800725401 and Rs.4,64,590.00 [Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety only] under TL A/c No. 0837001600779901** along with future interest from **11.12.2020 and 14.12.2020** respectively, plus costs.

(The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub- section (8) of Sec.13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

Description of the Immovable Property:- All that part and parcel of Residential flat bearing No. 407, 4th Floor, "7 Hills Paradise", Municipal No. 1228, Old Sy. No. 22/8, resurvey No. 54 in Block 8, measuring super built up area of 1520 sqft, with undivided share of land measuring 290 sqft along with one car parking, situated at Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru -560061, belonging to **Mrs Veena Girish.**

Boundaries of building as per deed: East by: Road; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Remaining land in resurvey No. 54 of Mr B. S. Venkataswamy Naidu; **South by:** Road.

Boundaries of flat as per actual: East by: Flat no. 406, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Flat no. 408, **South by:** Road.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 16.12.2020
Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

Amir quits cricket alleging mental torture

Pakistan fast bowler Mohammed Amir on Thursday announced a dramatic end to his international cricket career, alleging that he has been "mentally tortured" by the management of PCB, which called the move a personal decision. The PCB issued a short statement after its chief executive Wasim Khan spoke to Amir once the video of his interview went viral.

INDIA RUN INTO TROUBLE

Kohli dismissal hands advantage to Australia on hard-fought opening day in Adelaide

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Virat Kohli has now had 10 scores in excess of 50 without scoring a ton.

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Of the 25 tosses won by Kohli in Tests, India are yet to lose a single game.

SCOREBOARD

India 1st innings: Shaw b Starc 0, Agarwal b Cummins 17, Pujara c Labuschagne b Lyon 43, Kohli run out 74, Rahane lbw Starc 42, Vihari lbw Hazlewood 16, Saha not out 9, Ashwin not out 15. **Extras:** (b 2, lb 7, nb 7, w 1) 17. **Total** (6 wickets, 89 overs) 233. **Fall of Wickets:** 1-0, 2-32, 3-100, 4-188, 5-196, 6-206. **Bowling:** Starc 19-4-49-2, Hazlewood 20-6-47-1, Cummins 19-7-42-1, Green 9-2-15-0, Lyon 21-2-68-1, Labuschagne 1-0-3-0.

India captain Virat Kohli steps out to hit Australia's Nathan Lyon for a boundary at the Adelaide Oval on Thursday | AFP

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

AS FAR as Test cricket goes, Thursday was a hard-fought day. For a major part of the day and evening at Adelaide Oval, India were setting themselves up, block-by-block, to wrest control. Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane put up quality shows against a five-man Australian attack that kept asking questions. They had answers to most of those, but a moment of madness turned the game on its head and handed the initiative to Australia. They went to bed satisfied with India's Day 1 total of 233/6.

When Tim Paine threw the ball to Nathan Lyon in the 70th over, it looked like one final throw of dice with the old ball to test the well-set Kohli and Rahane. Scoring rate wasn't worrying the hosts, but the manner they were building towards a big total was. On days like this when you put up such a fighting display, it is important not to give any opening to the opposition, especially in that twilight session, when new batsmen find it difficult against the pink ball which swings more under lights. India did exactly that, losing three wickets in the final hour from 188/3.

"We were in a very good position I would say. But we just are six down. Ashwin can bat, Wriddhi can bat and even our lower-order will try and contribute as much as possible. We still have the chance to get 275-300 and if the lower-order bats well, we can get 350 also. There was a stage when we were in a good position, but after we lost Kohli and Rahane, they have a little bit of advantage. I still feel we are evenly placed," said Pujara, who made 43 off 160 balls.

Although the second session is seen as the best to score runs in day/night Tests, Pujara and Kohli didn't show unnecessary urgency. Understandably so. Patience might be an old virtue, but on a day like this, it was precious. Every time you thought, how long could they keep doing, the duo kept surprising with their discipline. And just when you began to dream, a peril of the modern-day game outdid the old-fashioned approach. In an era dominated by T20s, Test cricket has benefited differently. Scoring rates have improved, draws have become fewer. But an element of greed has crept in as well.

To disrupt bowlers, batsmen have tended to rotate the strike more often in Tests. On Thursday, it cost India hours of hard work. After playing Lyon wide of mid-off, Rahane called for a tight single, realised soon that it didn't exist and stopped. Kohli, who had made 74 and looked set for more, had set off by then. Even though Rahane said no, it was too late for him to get back. Australia got the opening they badly sought.

The second new ball was just two overs away and Australia punished India. Rahane, perhaps still replaying the run out in his mind, was late to react to a full ball from Mitchell Starc. Hanuma Vihari didn't look comfortable as Josh Hazlewood sent him back.

On a pitch that had assistance for pacers with turn and bounce for Lyon, Pujara and Kohli had almost ensured the early dismissals of Prithvi Shaw and Mayank Agarwal didn't hand over the advantage to Australia. They took time and pounced on loose balls, but both would have spent the night regretting the timing of their dismissals.

Olympic ban on Russia: CAS verdict

AP @ Geneva

RUSSIA was banned on Thursday from using its name, flag and anthem at the next two Olympics or at any world championships for the next two years. The Court of Arbitration for Sport's ruling also blocked Russia from bidding to host major sporting events for two years.

Russian athletes and teams will still be allowed to compete at next year's Tokyo Olympics and the 2022 Winter Games in Beijing, as well as world championships including the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, if they are not implicated in doping or covering up positive tests.

The punishments are less than the four-year ban the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) had proposed.

Russia will miss Tokyo Summer Games and Winter Games in Beijing, 2022 | AP

One small win for Russia is the proposed team name at major events. The name "Russia" can be retained on uniforms if the words "Neutral Athlete" or "Neutral Team" have equal prominence, the court said.

Still, the court's three judges imposed the most severe penalties on Russia since allegations of state-backed doping and cover-ups emerged after the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

The case centred on accusations that Russian state authorities tampered with a database from the Moscow testing laboratory before handing it over to WADA investigators last year. It contained likely evidence to prosecute long-standing doping violations.

The CAS process was formally between WADA and the Russian anti-doping agency. The Russian agency, known as Rusada, was ruled non-compliant last year — a decision upheld Thursday by the three judges. Rusada was also ordered to pay $1.27 million to WADA.

EXPRESS READ

TT Nationals set for delayed start

NEW DELHI: THE Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) had earlier marked the first week of January for conducting nationals in all age categories. However, these will now be delayed as most state associations are yet to complete their own championships.

Four-way lead in golf tourney

BENGALURU: Four players are tied for lead in the men's amateur category of the RBG South Zone Tour Championship. With just 18 holes left to decide winner, Vrushank Balu, Krishang Nayak, Akshay Neranjen and Shaurya Binu are locked in battle for honours with an identical total of 1-over 145 at end of the second round.

AICF POLLS

Game of 64 votes on January 4

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @ Chennai

CHESS is a game of 64 squares. The All India Chess Federation (AICF) elections will see a game of 64 votes on January 4. Court-appointed electoral officer Justice (retd) K Kannan announced the date on Thursday. The process will be conducted online due to travel apprehensions caused by the pandemic.

Elections in the AICF are significant for two reasons. This is the first time after 2005 that there will be a contest. In the last 15 years, candidates were chosen unanimously. Second, the build-up has seen a bitter clash between the factions led by president PR Venketrama Raja and secretary BS Chauhan. Things became acrimonious at times, with the president and secretary suspending each other, which led to the appointment of electoral officer.

According to a notice released by Justice Kannan, 64 members of the electoral college have to register their names in a 'secure portal' crated specifically for this. There are 32 state units on the electoral roll, with two votes from each. Nominations will be received for the 15 posts from December 22-24. After scrutiny of nominations through video conference, a list of valid candidates will be released at 4 pm on December 26.

It's more or less decided that representing Tamil Nadu, Raja will fight to retain his post. RM Dongre (Maharashtra) and Kishor Bandekar (Goa) are the likely candidates for secretary and treasurer, respectively, from this camp. Ajay Patel (Gujarat) is expected to be the candidate for president from the other group. Chauhan (Delhi) and Naresh Sharma (Haryana) will fight for the posts of secretary and treasurer from this faction.

The remaining posts are six vice-presidents and as many joint-secretaries.

As it happens when elections approach, the rival groups are trying to persuade members and trying to woo them to their side. "We will contest all the posts. We are confident of support from around 20 state units," said Sharma. Their rivals are saying had that been the case, they wouldn't have raised objections against so many of them. "We have at least 19 on our side and they know it. That's why they tried to delay the process," claimed Dongre.

According to the electoral officer's notice, which is accessed by this daily, the list of candidates has to be uploaded in the AICF website once it is finalised.

Movements on table

All the big European leagues had midweek fixtures, with wins for most of the top sides. Storylines include Barcelona winning and Liverpool beating Spurs. A quick round-up...

Liverpool on top

Liverpool edged Spurs 2-1 in an entertaining top-of-the-table clash at Anfield. **Firmino** scored the winner in the 90th minute. Son Heung-min had brought Spurs back after Mo Sala's first strike. Liverpool have a three-point lead over Spurs in second. Third-placed Southampton managed only a point at Arsenal, who again went down to 10 men.

Select results: Leicester 0-2 Everton, Liverpool 2-1 Tottenham, Leeds 5-2 Newcastle, Arsenal 1-1 Southampton.

Inter edge Napoli

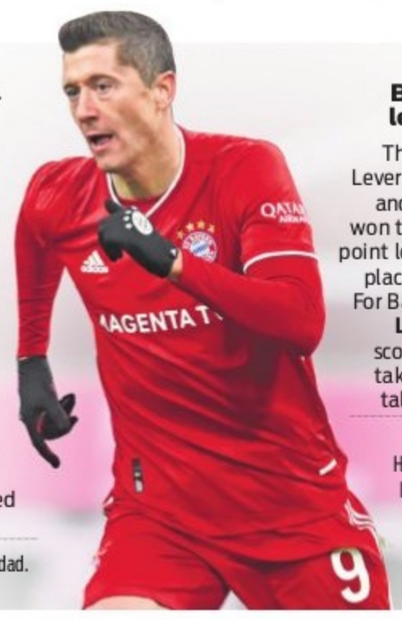
Inter edged out Napoli, only club among the top five to win on the night. **Romelu Lukaku** scored. Milan and Juventus drew, against Genoa and Atalanta, respectively. Milan lead by a point.

Select results: Juventus 1-1 Atalanta, Genoa 2-2 Milan, Inter 1-0 Napoli.

Barca up to fifth

Barcelona beat second-placed Real Sociedad 2-1 to jump into fifth place. Sociedad took the lead before Jordi Alba equalised. Frenkie De Jong netted the decider. All goals came in the first half. Atletico, who have played three matches fewer than Real, can break free at the top when they host 14th-placed Elche at the weekend.

Result: Barcelona 2-1 Real Sociedad.



Bundesliga leaders win

The top three — Leverkusen, Bayern and Leipzig — all won to open a five-point lead to fourth-placed Dortmund. For Bayern, **Robert Lewandowski** scored a brace to take his season's tally to 15 goals.

Select results: Hoffenheim 0-2 RB Leipzig, Bayern 2-1 Wolfsburg, FC Koln 0-4 Leverkusen

SMA T20: Six toppers, two runners-up in last 8

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THE Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament will be played from January 10-31. As reported by this daily, matches of the knockout round will take place in Ahmedabad. Bengaluru, Kolkata, Vadodara, Indore, Mumbai and Chennai will host the six groups.

Toppers of the six groups will qualify directly for the quarterfinals. Two best-placed teams from the five Elite groups will complete the last eight. There will be day and day-night matches. Tamil Nadu is the only host state association which will not play at home. That's because they are hosting Plate group matches.

SMA T20 TROPHY

- Group A (Bengaluru): J&K, Punjab, UP, Karnataka, Railways, Tripura.
- Group B (Kolkata): Odisha, Bengal, Jharkhand, TN, Assam, Hyderabad.
- Group C (Vadodara): Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, HP, Baroda, Uttarakhand.
- Group D (Indore): Services, Saurashtra, Vidarbha, Rajasthan, MP, Goa.
- Group E (Mumbai): Haryana, Andhra, Delhi, Mumbai, Kerala, Puducherry.
- Plate Group (Chennai): Chandigarh, Meghalaya, Bihar, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, Arunachal.

KSCA keen on Alur

The Karnataka State Cricket Association is awaiting the Standard Operating Procedures for the bio bubble from the Board of Control for Cricket in India before they finalise the venues in Bengaluru for the domestic T20 competition. As of now, they have zoomed in on three grounds in Alur (1, 2 and 3), which is housed inside the same premises. The three venues, which are expected to be finalised in the coming days, will host a total of 15 Elite A group matches.

"We have not taken the final decision as far as the venues are concerned, but we are mostly looking at Alur," KSCA secretary Santosh Menon told this daily. "Once we get the SOPs from the BCCI, then we will know exactly how many teams can stay in a hotel etc. We will take the call accordingly."

Shukla BCCI VP

Rajiv Shukla will be elected vice-president of BCCI at the annual general meeting on December 24. He was the only candidate who filed nomination for the post. The vice-president's post is vacant since the resignation of Mahim Verma in April. Brijesh Patel and Khaurul Jamal Majumdar will also be elected unopposed as IPL Governing Council members. Nobody else filed nominations for these two posts.

Noida and Agra to host wrestling nationals

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has finalised dates for the freestyle and women's national championships. As reported by this daily, freestyle nationals will be in Noida on January 23 and 24. The women's event will be in Agra on January 30 and 31. Sources informed that nationals in Greco-Roman will be held in Punjab in February.

Confirming the dates and venues of the men's freestyle and women's national championships, an official of Uttar Pradesh Wrestling Association said: "The Punjab association will host the Greco-Roman event. Venue and dates will be announced soon."

The federation has to send a circular to state associations, informing them about the competitions at least a month in advance. The Uttar Pradesh official said this circular hasn't been sent yet.

"The decision to hold the nationals in different styles at separate locations was taken due to the pandemic. It will help WFI successfully organise the events, as it's better to manage a smaller group of wrestlers than all together," added the official.

The 2020 nationals was scheduled in Gonda, Uttar Pradesh, from December 18-20. It was postponed due to the pandemic. Due to this, there will be two nationals in 2021.

Deepak, Gourav lose semis

Wrestler **Deepak Punia**, 2019 World Championship silver medallist, lost in the 86kg semifinal of the Individual World Cup in Belgrade on Thursday. The Olympic-bound Punia defeated Latvia's Ivars Samusonoks 14-7 in the pre-quarterfinal and blanked Uri Kalashnikov of Israel 8-0. He, however, lost to Dauren Kurugliev of Russia but still in fray for a bronze medal.

Deepak's achievement is special, considering that he had to leave the national camp after contracting coronavirus a few months back.

Another Indian who entered the semifinal and lost was Gourav Baliyan. The 79kg wrestler beat Aron Caneva of Italy by a fall to register a 7-0 win in the pre-quarterfinal. The Uttar Pradesh grappler then defeated Alans Amirovs of Latvia 17-0. He was then defeated by Russia's Akhmed Usmanov. He too will compete in bronze medal bout on Friday.

Maharashtra's Rahul Aware lost his quarterfinal in 61kg to make an exit from the tournament. India's lone medal so far — silver — has come from Anshu Malik in women's 57kg.

Uddin stars in Hammond's impressive win

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UDDIN starred with a 63-ball 100 to help Hammonds Cricket Club beat Modern Cricketers by 138 runs in the KSCA T20 tournament. His innings comprised 13 fours. Hammonds managed 206 in 20 overs. Modern were dismissed for 68 runs. Also, Rajat Hedge scalped five wickets for Chintamani Sports Association, who beat Hoskote Cricket Club by 98 runs in one of the other games.

In another interesting contest of the day, Whilrwind Cricketers beat Coles Cricket Club in the super over as well.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE

Second straight win lifts Bengaluru to third spot

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

After a slow start — drawing three of their first four games — Bengaluru FC have found their mojo in the ISL. They have now won two in two, including the impressive 2-1 victory over Odisha FC at GMC Stadium on Thursday.

Sunil Chhetri and Cleiton Silva scored for Carles Cuadrat's side, while Steven Taylor found the net for their opponents. This win propelled Bengaluru to third place, while Odisha remained 10th. It proved to be a special occasion for Chhetri, as he became the first Indian to record 50 goal contributions (42 goals and 8 assists) in the history of ISL.

The game started on a bright note for Bengaluru. Kristian Opseth missed an early chance to take lead, while Erik Paartalu and Dimas Delgado had attempts on goal from a distance. But none tested Odisha goalkeeper Arshdeep Singh.

Despite Bengaluru having greater possession, Odisha were posing questions. However, Bengaluru took the lead thanks to a brilliant header with Chhetri scoring in the 38th minute. Harmanjot Khabra delivered an inviting ball inside the box and the skipper made no mistake in scoring his third goal of the season. They continued to dominate, but failed to double their lead going into the break.

Bengaluru FC have collected three wins this Indian Super League | ISL MEDIA

With Bengaluru goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu not tested much in the first 45, Odisha had to up their game and they did. They enjoyed some decent spells too. It paid dividends in the 71st minute when Taylor scored from Jerry Mawihmingthanga's free-kick.

A few minutes later, Bengaluru brought in fresh legs and the move worked. Substitute Deshorn Brown set up Silva, who made no mistake from inside the box to score in the 79th minute. With just over 10 minutes left on the clock, it was not going to be easy for Odisha to break Bengaluru's defence and come back into the game a second time. With Juanan, Khabra and Francisco Gonzalez standing tall at the back, Bengaluru ensured full points.

The Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum has acquired two emoji that have helped broaden diversity for users of the tiny pictures, becoming the third museum to add emoji to their digital collections. The museum acquired the 'person with headscarf' and 'inter-skintone couple' emoji. The headscarf emoji was submitted to Unicode Consortium in 2016, while interracial couple in 2018

EXFILE • ARCHEOLOGY

RELIC REALITY

Only three artefacts were ever recovered from inside Egypt's Great Pyramid. Two -- ball and a hook -- are lodged in the British Museum. The ball is supposed to be a dolerite pounder. The other, the hook, is a copper dove-tailed object. The third was accidentally rediscovered in Aberdeen recently. Here's how...

70 YRS

No one knew about the relic in the cigar box for more than 70 years

The missing one

The fragment of cedar wood, which has been found to date back 5,000 years to the building of the pyramid at Giza, was first discovered in the late 19th century but had been missing for more than 70 years. This was found in a cigar case in the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

Great Pyramid's Queen's Chamber

For the record

A record discovered in 2001 appeared to show the wooden fragment had been donated to the University of Aberdeen. However, the trail ran cold. The fragment initially measured around five inches or 13 cm but now it has been broken into several pieces. This was first discovered in the Great Pyramid's Queen's Chamber in 1872 by engineer Waynman Dixon.

Remains of the relics

There are three chambers discovered so far in Pyramid of Giza and the relics were found during excavation of the lower part of the air shaft leading from the so-called Queen's Chamber.

"It has been like finding a needle in a haystack. I'm an archaeologist and have worked on digs in Egypt but I never imagined it would be here in northeast Scotland that I'd find something so important to the heritage of my own country."

Abeer Eladany

Carbon dating

Carbon dating results, delayed by coronavirus restrictions, placed the wood at somewhere between 3341 and 3094 BC, before the construction of the pyramid. Neil Curtis, head of museums and special collections at the University, called results from the carbon dating a "revelation".

CHANCE DISCOVERY LAST YEAR

The ancient artefact disappeared without a trace until the end of last year when Abeer Eladany, an assistant curator at the university, made a chance discovery in its Asia collection. Knowing that a small cigar tin she found there bearing an old Egyptian flag did not belong with the other pieces, Eladany, originally from Egypt, cross-referenced it with other records.

13CM

The fragment initially measured five inches or 13 cm but now it has been broken into several pieces

SCOTTISH LINK | The fragment made its way to the Scottish city because of a link between Dixon and a medical doctor named James Grant who studied in Aberdeen and went to Egypt to treat cholera in 1860s. The wood was with Grant until his death in 1895. His daughter donated the collections to the university in 1946

The woman behind revolutionary vaccine

Kariko's pioneering research two-three decades ago opened doors for developers to use mRNA to help fight Covid-19 pandemic

HEALTH

WASHINGTON: Hungara in-born scientist Katalin Kariko's obsession with researching a substance called mRNA to fight disease once cost her a faculty position at a prestigious US university, which dismissed the idea as a dead end.

Now, her pioneering work — which paved the way for the Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines — could be what saves the world from a 100-year pandemic. "This is just kind of unbelievable," she said in a video call from her home in Philadelphia, adding she was unused to the attention after toiling for years in obscurity.

It shows why "it's important science should be supported on many levels." Kariko, 65, spent much of the 1990s writing grant applications to fund her investigations into "messenger ribonucleic acid" — genetic molecules that tell cells what proteins to make, essential to keeping our bodies alive and healthy. She believed mRNA held the key to treating diseases where having more of the right kind of protein can help — like repairing the brain after a stroke. But the University of Pennsylvania, where Kariko was on track for a professorship, decided to pull the plug after the grant rejections piled up. "I was up for promotion, and then they just demoted me and expected that I would walk out the door," she said. Kariko didn't yet have a green card and needed a job to renew her visa. She also knew she wouldn't be able to put her daughter through college without the hefty staff discount. She decided to persist as a lower-rung researcher, scraping by on a meagre salary. It was a low point in her life and career, but "I just thought...you know, the (lab) bench is here, I just have to do better experiments," she said.

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Katalin Kariko, scientist

The experience shaped her philosophy for dealing with adversity in every aspect of life.

"Think through and then at the end of it, you have to say 'What can I do?' "Because then you don't waste your life."

By the late 1980s, much of the scientific community was focused on using DNA to deliver gene therapy, but Kariko believed that mRNA was also promising since most diseases are not hereditary and don't need solutions that permanently alter our genetics.

First though, she had to overcome a major problem: in animal experiments, synthetic mRNA was causing a massive inflammatory response as the immune system sensed an invader and rushed to fight it.

Kariko, together with her main collaborator Drew Weissman, discovered that one of the four building blocks of the synthetic mRNA was at fault — and they could overcome the problem by swapping it out with a modified version.

They published a paper on the breakthrough in 2005. Then, in 2015, they found a new way to deliver mRNA into mice, using a fatty coating called "lipid nanoparticles" that prevent the mRNA from degrading, and help place it inside the right part of cells. Both these innovations were key to the Covid-19 vaccines developed by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech, where Kariko is now a senior vice president, as well as the shots produced by Moderna. Both work by giving human cells the instructions to make a surface protein of the coronavirus, which simulates an infection and trains the immune system for when it encounters the real virus. The mRNA quickly degrades and the instructions it gives the body aren't permanent, making the technology an ideal platform for a variety of applications, said Kariko.

All these applications could range from new vaccines for influenza, faster to develop and more effective than the current generation, to new disease treatments. For example, AstraZeneca is currently working on an mRNA treatment for heart failure patients, which delivers signalling proteins that stimulate the production of new blood vessels.

Moon rocks in hand, China plans more

SPACE

BEIJING: Following the successful return of moon rocks by its Chang'e 5 robotic probe, China is preparing for future missions that could set the stage for an eventual lunar base to host human explorers, a top space program official said Thursday.

China's next three lunar missions are on track, along with programs for returning samples from Mars and exploring asteroids and the planet Jupiter, Deputy Chief Commander of the China Lunar Exploration Program Wu Yanhua said. "Exploring the truth of the universe is just beginning," Wu said at a news conference held hours after the Chang'e 5 s capsule parachuted to a landing in Inner Mongolia carrying first lunar samples to be brought to Earth in more than 40 years.

Chang'e 6, scheduled for a 2023 launch, is to collect more samples from the south pole, while its two successors are to conduct detailed surveys and test technologies needed for the construction of a science base on moon.

Orangutans go back home

WILDLIFE

EATING fruit and drinking from plastic bottles, two Sumatran orangutans stared from their cages at Bangkok airport on Thursday before flying home to Indonesia, years after being smuggled into Thailand. Poachers in Southeast Asia frequently capture the critically endangered orangutans to sell as pets, and police said four-year-olds Ung Aing and Natalee were supposed to be sold to a tourism business.

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SECURING FUTURE

Virus hunters go looking for next pandemic

MEDICINE

ZADIE CAVES (GABON): THE scene looks like something out of a science fiction movie, or maybe some dystopian TV series. Six men in yellow biohazard suits clamber in suffocating heat towards a cave in the heart of the Gabonese jungle.

Their quest: to unlock new knowledge on how pathogens like coronavirus leap the species barrier to humans. In the cave is their goal — a colony of bats. "Our job is to look for pathogens which could endanger humans and understand how transmission happens between species," explained Gael Maganga, a professor at the University of Franceville.

Getting to the cave is hard work. The team have to almost wade through thick soil, pieces of bark and russet-coloured leaves that exhale the musky perfume of the forest.

There are reports that 850,000 viruses exist in animals that can infect humans | AFP

The environment here — hot and humid and filled with natural hazards — is tough for humans, but perfect for viruses. Bit by bit, the scent of damp earth yields to the smell of bat droppings, which eventually becomes suffocating in the sticky air. Bees and silvery butterflies dance around the heads of the virus hunters, their faces dripping in sweat beneath their goggles. Above them, the tree tops seem to lose themselves in the sky, and gnarly creepers hang down, as if suspended from the heavens.

The mouth of the cave suddenly rears up ahead, and a stream of bats flies out. A thick white bedding of bat droppings spreads across the ground and the rocks. Maganga calls on the team to stretch a net across the cave's dark maw and the bats, suddenly sensing the alien presence of humans, start to hunker down inside. But one of the scientists moves forward, shining his torch inside. Bats fly out and get caught in the net. Now the real scientific stuff can begin. The team take out sterile swabs and take samples from the bats' mouths and rectums.

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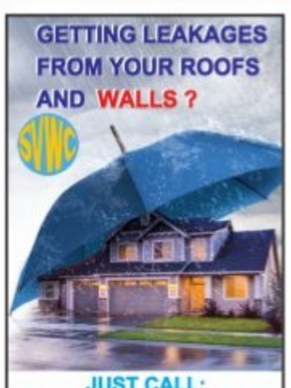

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